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Daniel and Isabel Evans and Their Descendants

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PREFACE

The following incomplete history of Daniel and Isabel Evans, and their descendants, is the result of four years searching and compiling of information. As you will see, there is still much information needed -- WE NEED HELP FROM EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU.

This is a story of real, live people -- your ancestors and mine and our descendants. Therefore, there is no real beginning and no ending, as people are born and die. This book covers people from about 1766 to the present date, 1973 - a little over 200 years of descendants from one man and wife. There are many questions yet to be answered, and many that will never be answered.

The purpose of this history is to make our ancestors "people," not just statistics. Rather than just reading names, dates of birth, marriage and death, it's much more interesting to read short biographies of our ancestors and descendants--about when they were young, growing up, their education and life work, follow their travels; and know their personalities through their hobbies, beliefs, church and civic work; and, lastly, the cause of their death and where buried.

If you have old family Bibles, letters, newspaper clippings of births, weddings, obituaries, etc. (which contain lots of details), please send us copies so we can insert the information. Also, please advise us of any errors.

Won't you please send us whatever information you have to include in this history of Daniel and Isabel Engle Evans and their descendants?

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CALEB EVANS

Caleb Evans was born approximately 1766 in Wales, and from early family records it is believed he was sent to America by England as a member of a company of Welsh conscripts during the last days of the Revolutionary War. They landed in Virginia, near the close of the fighting, and the company was disbanded, never seeing any service.

Although a search is still being made, it is not now known when or where Caleb was married, or what he did as his livelihood. However, early court records disclose that in 1791 he was deeded 229 acres on North River, of Hampshire County, Virginia, by a William Thompson and wife, Mary; and in 1794, Caleb and his wife, Eve, deeded 92 acres on North River to David Rodrick (possibly the father of a daughter-in-law, wife of his son David?); and 92 acres to a John Thompson. There is no record of what happened to the remaining 45 acres.

In 1836 Caleb and his wife went to the State of Ohio, being ferried across the Ohio River when it was very high, a dangerous undertaking in those times. They visited a son, David, and possibly a sister or daughter who had preceded them to Ohio, and moved on to Franklin County, Ohio, where he purchased land and lived until his death.

Caleb Evans died April 10, 1841, at the age of 75 years; and his wife, Eve C., died November 9, 1847, at the age of 81 years. They were buried in Brunk Cemetery, Norwich Township, Franklin County, Ohio. (The cemetery has been abandoned for many years now.)

The Will of Caleb Evans, signed December 23, 1819, was proven June 23, 1841. It mentions his wife (not by name), a son Jacob, daughters Elizabeth, Polly, Martha, and sons Peter, David, George, Abel and Alexander; and was witnessed by William S. Boling and David P. Latimer, naming Isaac Davison as Executor. The Will read he has given sons Peter, David, George, Abel and Alexander their portion during his lifetime. Jacob is to remain with sister Polly during her lifetime if he lives longest.

Appraisal of Estate of Caleb Evans

3 tons hay @ $3.00 per ton	$ 9.00
1 shotgun and pouch	5.00
1 bureau 5.00 and 1 table 2.00	7.00
2 chairs and 1 small wheel	2.75
1 lot earthen ware 2.00 and 1 grid iron 25¢	2.25
1 shovel and tongs 50¢ 1 set of irons	1.75

1 seat*	$ 5.00
2 beds, bed slats* and covering*	20.00
1 cow	11.00
1 lot of kitchen furniture	4.00
list of debts in Virginia for collection in Peter Evans hands	1190.12*
one note of John Evans	76.00
Total amount of appraisement	$2135.37*

*(denotes writing or spelling hard to make out)

Of Caleb's children, the following is the only information available:

Peter Evans had three sons: Henry, who moved to Ohio; Philip Evans, who died in Iowa; Jackson Evans, who lived in Kansas and was buried in Newark, Ohio; a daughter Rachel, who married a Latham and raised four daughters and one son; and five daughters who died in Virginia.

Alexander Evans married Anne Thorp, daughter of John Thorp, on January 2, 1816.

David Evans, our early ancestor.

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DAVID EVANS

David Evans (believed to be the sixth child of Caleb Evans) was an early settler of Vinton County, Ohio. (Vinton County was formed in 1850 from part of Gallias, Athens, Ross, Jackson and Hocking Counties.)

David was married twice. His first marriage was to Sally Rodrick on December 26, 1816, by Robert Montgomery, J.P., in Pike County, Ohio. Sally died in 1843 at the age of 43.

David then married Abigail Myers on May 22, 1845, in Athens County, Ohio.

David had eight sons and two daughters:

1. Alexander
2. Daniel (our ancestor)
3. David II (blacksmith in Ohio - died 1900)
4. Solomon (died 1896, Franklin County, Ohio)
5. Richard
6. Isaac
7. James
8. Charles
9. Elizabeth (Tartus Allen's mother)
10. Daughter, name unknown

The 1850 census of Vinton County, Ohio, reveals the following:

David Evans	56 m	farmer	$1000 real estate	
				born Va.
Abigail Evans	40 f			born Ohio
Mary A. Tasker*	12 f			born Ohio
Isaac Evans	4 m			born Ohio
James Evans	4 m			born Ohio
Charles Evans	1 m			born Ohio
Egable* Evans	1 m			born Ohio

It is not known whether Isaac and James were twins, and Charles and Egable (spelling?) were twins, or whether the ages shown are as of their nearest birthday.

Although some family records show David Evans' date of death as being in 1854, aged about 63 years, it does not correspond with above information from census. A search is still being made for more information.

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SOLOMON EVANS

SOLOMON EVANS (David Evans, Caleb Evans), a son of DAVID EVANS, was born in 1830 near McArthur in Vinton County, Ohio. At the age of 17 years he moved to Franklin County, near New Hillards, Ohio.

In 1860 he married Perthena Meteer and they settled near Marble Cliff, Ohio.

Solomon died March 28, 1897. At this time he had two brothers still living--Daniel Evans, near Rantoul, Illinois and David Evans of Vinton County, Ohio (this David was the father of Buena Vesta Evans who married Sylvester Harvey (Tom) Evans, a son of Daniel and Isabel Evans.) A nephew, A. L. Evans, was living with Solomon when he died.

Solomon and Perthena Meteer Evans were the parents of the following four children:

WILLIAM EVANS

HOWARD EVANS

FRANK EVANS

HATTIE EVANS

Of these children we have these facts:

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HOWARD EVANS, son of SOLOMON and Perthena Meteer EVANS, was married and had the following five children:

ANNA EVANS

EDWARD EVANS

EVERITT EVANS

PAUL EVANS

MIRIAM EVANS

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ANNA EVANS, daughter of HOWARD EVANS, married a man by the name of Mohler. Anna passed away prior to the time of this writing (1973).

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EDWARD EVANS, son of HOWARD EVANS, died when only five days old.

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EVERITT EVANS, son of HOWARD EVANS, died during the First World War.

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PAUL EVANS, son of HOWARD EVANS, married and had five children:

Daughter, died when 18 years old.

DORIS EVANS

LOIS EVANS, who married a Bolander and had five children.

DAVID EVANS, who never married.

DONALD EVANS, who married and had two sons:

JONATHAN EVANS

ROBIN DEAN EVANS, who married and has one son.

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MIRIAM EVANS, daughter of HOWARD EVANS, married Clarence Fenwick and lives in Englewood, Ohio. Miriam recalls: "My grandmother was Irish. Dad would tell us how her people came to this country"

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DANIEL EVANS

On March 2, 1848, Daniel Evans was married to Isabel Engle, daughter of Joseph and Barbara Hass Engle, in Vinton County, Ohio, by James Crawford, J.P. Isabel was Pennsylvania Dutch, and was able to "talk it." Her mother died when she was quite young, and she moved with her father to Ohio where she met Daniel. Her brother, Will Engle, was only four years old when their mother died, and he was raised by Daniel and Isabel.

Their first born, Lewis Azariah, died when he was about three years old; and, after their second child was born, they moved to Franklin County, Ohio. Seven more children were born while they were living in Franklin County; and in 1866 they moved to Illinois with their eight children, the youngest being only about one year old. Traveling by rail to Champaign, Illinois, they brought all their worldly possessions, including a wagon and some horses, and the older boys had to take turns staying with the horses. From Champaign they apparently traveled by wagon to their new farm near Dewey, which we know as the Joe Evans farm. George, who was only 14, froze his feet on the trip from Champaign to Dewey. Daniel purchased this 120 acres from Cornelius Sharp for $3,000.

On March 31, 1869, Daniel bought 20 acres in Newcomb Township from Frederick B. Sale and his wife for $450. It is not known why he bought this land, as it was more than four miles by road from his home; but, on September 20, 1898, he sold this land to William Hildreit* for $800.

Daniel liked to buy and sell land, but not all of his purchases resulted in profit. On December 29, 1866, he bought 5½ acre lot in Newcomb Township from Silas Hank and Mary Hank for $99; and on November 7, 1883, he sold this lot to William Sweet for $90.

On September 30, 1870, he added to his farm by buying 40 acres from the Illinois Central Railroad for $360; and on March 15, 1872, he purchased another 40 acres from the Illinois Central Railroad for $480, making a total of 200 acres.

He purchased 160 acres for $4,000 from Amos C. Babcock and Margaret Babcock; and sold 80 acres of this for $2,000 to George Evans when he was about 32 years old, and he and Sarah had been married for about six years; and sold the other 80 acres for $2400 to William Engle, Isabel's brother.

On July 25, 1882, he purchased 80 acres from Nellie

Divelbliss and George Divelbliss for $3100, subject to a trust deed and mortgage; and sold it to James Ryan for $3200. This land is now part of the Paul Baker farm west of Rantoul. This same 80 acres was deeded back to Daniel Evans on March 4, 1893, for $5400; and sold to Tartus Allen for $5600 on February 23, 1900.

On November 2, 1882, he purchased 80 acres from Edward C. Barrows and wife, Nancy, for $3600; this land was 1½ miles west of Rantoul which had a tile and brick factory on the sand hill at the east side of the south forty acres.

There are several deeds of record showing property purchased by Sylvester Harvey Evans, which property was later deeded to Daniel Evans by Quit Claim Deed, which would lead one to believe that perhaps Sylvester bought the property with Daniel's money.

In 1891, Daniel and Isabel Evans moved to a farm near Rantoul, and sold 80 acres of their farm near Dewey to Joseph H. Evans for $4500 on August 1, 1891; and sold the remaining 120 acres to Joseph H. Evans by recorded Articles of Agreement for $8,000, to be paid in eight $1000 payments, plus 7% interest, beginning March 1, 1893.

Maple Hill Farm, near Rantoul, was purchased January 19, 1893, from Martha M. Haskell for $5200, where they lived for several years; and sold it to William F. Evans on January 28, 1901, for $5,000. On March 1, 1900, Daniel purchased 80 acres from Charles W. Ellis and Mary B. Ellis for $5600, located along what is now Route 136, where they moved to and lived until after Isabel's death; and which was sold to William F. Evans on February 25, 1907, for $12,000.

GOLDEN WEDDING

An unusually pleasant surprise party was given to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Evans, west of town, last Wednesday, in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding. About thirty-five of their neighbors and relatives were present and had one of the best times imaginable. The guests came with baskets filled to overflowing with fresh and delicious rural luxuries and the dinner served was good enough to excite the envy of New York's famous 400. Mr. and Mrs. Evans received a number of beautiful presents as souvenirs of an event that occurs in the lives of very few people. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. William Engle, of Rantoul. Mr. Engle, who is

a brother of Mrs. Evans, was present at the marriage of his sister to Mr. Evans fifty years ago.

The wedding took place near Swan, Ohio. In this world of unrest and sorrowful changes how seldom it is that the bright, frolicsome lad of a dozen or so summers, who sees his big sister wedded to her favorite lover, grows to manhood, enlists in the army, fights for his country, returns home safe and sound, and finally attends the same big sister's golden wedding! This incident takes one back to the careless, rollicking joyous days of boyhood, leads him along through the gradually increasing cares of youth and early manhood, introduces him to the sternest realities in the experience of mankind, and at last pictures to him the subdued joys and sorrows of later life with a vividness which our poor pen cannot express. (From an old newspaper clipping)

Isabel died on July 3, 1905, as the result of heart disease.

AN AGED LADY CALLED SUDDENLY FROM EARTHLY SCENES

Monday, July 3, about 4 o'clock p.m., Mrs. Daniel Evans was suddenly called from earth. She had been in her usual health, and at the time of her death was sitting on the porch at her home one and one-half miles west of Rantoul, awaiting the arrival of her daughter, Mrs. Ed Drennan of Etna, who in company with her brother, John, had just come into view in the distance. Her death was due to heart trouble. A number of her children had planned to spend the Fourth at home, and the time of anticipated pleasure was thus turned into mourning. Her death removes one of the best known of the older residents, and the loving mother of a family of sterling worth.

Isabel Engle was born Nov. 2, 1831, in Vinton County, Ohio; was married to Daniel Evans, March 2, 1848, in the same county in which she was born. She is the mother of twelve children, eight sons and four daughters. One son died in infancy, and one daughter, who was the wife of John Campbell, died at the age of 28 years. Mrs. Evans has one brother and a sister living in Ohio, and one brother, William Engle, living in Rantoul. She, with her husband, moved from Ohio to Condit Township, Champaign County, in 1866,

where they resided until 1891, when they moved to their farm in this Township, where she died.

She and her husband united with the Christian Church at Rantoul about three years ago. She leaves to mourn her loss, her husband, seven sons, and three daughters, with forty grandchildren and three great grandchildren. The surviving children are G. R. Evans, Mrs. J. L. Drennan, and J. H. Evans, of Dewey, W. F. Evans living near Rantoul, and J. W. Evans at home; S. H. Evans of Shelbyville, Mrs. Ed Drennan of Etna, Dr. C. A. Evans of Bluffs, Ill., H. H. Evans and Mrs. John Yankee of Ludlow. All were present at the funeral.

The funeral services were held at the home west of Rantoul, on Wednesday morning, July 5, at 10 o'clock. Rev. Charles Bloom, pastor of the Christian Church, preached a touching sermon from the words, "So He giveth His beloved sleep." A very large company gathered for the funeral. The remains were interred in a vault at the new cemetery. (Maplewood Cemetery)(From an old newspaper clipping)

Daniel died on April 27, 1913, after a lingering illness, during which time he was cared for by his daughter, Idona.

DANIEL EVANS DIED SUNDAY MORNING-WAS 86 YEARS OLD

Daniel Evans of near Ludlow died Sunday morning, April 27. He was born in Vinton County, Ohio, October 18,1826. He grew to manhood in that county and was married on March 2, 1848, to Isabel Engle. To this union were born twelve children, 8 boys and 4 girls, nine of whom survive. The deceased children being Ezra, who died in infancy; Mrs. Eliza Drennan and Mrs. Mary Campbell.

The surviving children are: Geo. R., of Dewey; John W. and Wm. F., of Rantoul; Joseph of Dewey; Sylvester H., of Shelbyville; Charles A., of Bluffs, Ill., Howard H., of Ludlow, and Mrs. Ed Drennan, of Aetna, Ill., and Mrs. John Yankee, of Ludlow. Forty-five grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren also survive. His wife and companion died in July 1905.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans moved from Ohio to Condit

Township in 1866, where they resided until 1911, when they moved to the home place near Rantoul.

He confessed Christ as his Savior and became a member of the Christian Church in Rantoul in May 1902, under the pastorage of A. R. Spocer. One of the things in his life in which he took great pride was the fact that he had reared seven sons and not one of them became a drunkard.

The grandsons acted as pall-bearers at the funeral. (From an old newspaper) (Burial at Maplewood Cemetery, Rantoul, Ill.)

Daniel's handwritten Will was made July 27, 1906; and duly proved and admitted to probate by the County Court of Champaign County, Illinois, on June 28, 1913:

WILL OF DANIEL EVANS

In the name of God, Amen, I, Daniel Evans, of the town of Condit, County of Champaign, and State of Illinois, being of sound mind and memory, and considering the uncertainties of life, do therefore make, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

First: I order and direct my executor hereinafter named to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses as soon after my death as conveniently may be.

Second: It is my will that all sums of money heretofore given by me to my children be retained by them, and that they be not required to account for the principal or interest of any such sums.

Third: I give and bequeath unto each of the children of my daughter, Mary Campbell, deceased, who may be surviving at my death the sum of One Hundred Dollars.

Fourth: It is my will that my executor hereinafter named shall sell within two years after my decease, either at public or private sale, as he shall deem for the best interests of my estate, all the real estate of which I may die seized, and hereby give to my executor full power to sell and convey by proper deed or deeds, all or any part of such real estate as

fully to all intents and purposes, as I might or could do, if living and distribute the proceeds thereof equally among my children, George Evans, William F. Evans, John Evans, Charles Evans, Joseph Evans, Howard Evans, Sylvester Evans, Eliza Drennan, Sally Drennan and Dony Yankee, each share and share alike.

Fifth: If any of my children should die before my death, then it is my will that such deceased child's share shall go to his or her children who may be surviving at my death, equally share and share alike. This section is to have reference only to my children now surviving.

Sixth: It is my will that if any of the legatees or devisees under this Will shall contest the same, then such devisee or legatee shall have nothing.

Seventh: It is my will that my son, George Evans, shall be executor of this, my last will and testament and that he be not required to give bond. In case of his death, resignation, refusal to serve or other disability, then it is my will that my son, Joseph Evans, be his successor and my executor, and that he be not required to give bond, and that he have the same powers to sell my real estate, make deeds, and do any other act necessary to carry this will into effect as were hereinbefore given to George Evans, my son.

Eighth: All the rest, residue and remainder of my property, both real and personal, I give, bequeath and devise equally unto my children, George Evans, William F. Evans, Howard Evans, Sylvester Evans, Eliza Drennan, Sally Drennan, and Dony Yankee, each share and share alike, and unto their heirs forever.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal, this 27th day of July, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Six.

/s/ Daniel Evans (SEAL)

This instrument was on the day of the date thereof signed, published and declared by the said testator, Daniel Evans, to be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request have subscribed our names hereto as witnesses, in his presence, and in the presence of each other.

/s/ L. D. Oliver, residing at Fisher, Illinois
/s/ William H. Swayze, residing at Fisher, Illinois

George Evans refused to act as Executor; and Joseph H. Evans was appointed as Executor of the Estate.

The inventory of the estate included the following:

80 acres of farmland, rented to John Yankee @ $5 per acre.

180 acres of farmland, rented to C. A. Crum @ $600 per year

Cash on hand - $808.13

Promissory note of True Drennan of $12,500, @ 5% per annum, due March 1, 1912; then 7% per annum; with mortgage.

Promissory note of Harriet E. Evans for $500, @ 6% per annum, with mortgage.

Promissory note of Sylvester H. Evans for $875, due February 20, 1914, @ 5%,. 7% after maturity; mortgage on lots in Shelbyville.

Promissory note of Charles G. Juvinall for $2500, due March 13, 1917, @ 5% per annum; with mortgage on land in Vermilion County, Illinois.

Promissory note of Gustaf Thelander for $400 (remaining) @ 5% per annum; signed by George Evans as surety and secured by mortgage on real estate in Dewey, Illinois

Claim of Leonard Bros.:

Casket	$95.00
Embalming & services	15.00
Shirt $1, tie 25¢ & socks 25¢	1.50
Vault $50; digging grave $6.50	56.50
Flowers pillow $5; anchor $5 wheat $1.50	11.50
	$179.50

Claim of Idona Yankee, for care of deceased for four months during last illness - $200

Total receipts	$46,864.56
Amt. paid out	2,524.56
To be distributed	$44,340.00

Daniel Evans can be remembered as being a man of physical strength, endurance, courage, and determination. He told of doing farm chores, walking four miles cutting, splitting and piling a cord of wood, and walking four miles back home and doing the evening chores -- all for one dollar! He always wore blue trousers, and his white shirts were made by Isabel. Isabel should be noted for raising a large family, being cook, housekeeper, seamstress, emergency doctor,

and making tallow candles; all of this added to their many moves.

Minnie Thelander wrote in 1961 that Daniel didn't like a German or a Democrat.

Note: Will Engle, who grew to 6'4" tall, wore size 13 shoes, was a carpenter by trade; he married "Aunt Mary", who was only 5' tall, after going with her for 25 years. Will died of a heart attack, never having been sick in his life, on the way to the graveyard to put flowers on Isabel's grave.

DANIEL EVANS and ISABEL ENGLE EVANS were the parents of the following children:

LEWIS AZARIAH EVANS
Born: August 8, 1848, Vinton County, Ohio
Died: June 26, 1851

GEORGE RILEY EVANS
Born: September 9, 1851, Vinton County, Ohio

JOHN WESLY EVANS
Born: October 4, 1853, Franklin County, Ohio

WILLIAM FRANKLIN EVANS
Born: May 26, 1856, Franklin County, Ohio

ELIZA ELLEN EVANS
Born: March 8, 1858, Franklin County, Ohio

JOSEPH HARRISON EVANS
Born: May 7, 1860, Franklin County, Ohio

MARY ELIZABETH EVANS
Born: November 16, 1861, Franklin County, Ohio

SYLVESTER HARVEY EVANS
Born: June 20, 1863, Franklin County, Ohio

SARAH ISABEL EVANS
Born: August 12, 1865, Franklin County, Ohio

CHARLES ALBERT EVANS
Born: April 16, 1869, Champaign County, Illinois

HENRY HOWARD EVANS
Born: February 17, 1871, Champaign County, Illinc

CARY IDONA EVANS
Born: July 10, 1874, Champaign County, Illinois

The DANIEL EVANS family about 1895.

Front row, left to right:

"Tom" Evans (Sylvester H.), Isabelle Evans, Daniel Evans,

Elisa Ellen "Lide" who married Joe Drennan, George Evans.

Back row:

Howard H. "Hout" Evans, William F. "Dick" Evans, Joseph Evans,

Donna "Dony" Evans Yankie, Charles Evans, John Evans,

Sarah "Sally" or "Sac" Evans who married Ed Drennan.

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(Your name)
Born:
Where:
Married:
Where:

Children of:
Daniel & Isabel Evans
Lewis Azariah
George Riley
John Wesley
William Franklin
Eliza Ellen
Joseph Harrison
Mary Elizabeth
Sylvester Harvey
Sarah Isabel
Charles Albert
Henry Howard
Cary Idona

(Spouse of above)
Born:
Where:
Died:
Where:

DANIEL EVANS
Born-10/18/1826
Where-Athens County
Mar.-3/2/1848 Ohio
Where - Ohio
Died-4/27/1913
Where-Rantoul, Ill.

ISABEL ENGLE
Born-11/2/1831
Where-Hocking County
Died-7/3/1905 Ohio
Where-Rantoul, Ill.

Gr-father
Born:
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Gr-mother
Born:
Where:
Died:
Where:

DAVID EVANS
Born-
Mar.-12/26/1816
Died-

SALLY RODRICK
Born-1800
Died-1843

JOSEPH ENGLE
Born-2/7/1809
Mar.-1/6/1831
Died-9/20/1888

BARBARA HASS
Born-1/16/1815
Died-12/11/1845

Grt-Gr-father
Born:
Mar.:
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CALEB EVANS
Born-1766-Wales
Mar.
Died-4/10/1841

EVE EVANS
Died-11/7/1847

ADAM ENGLE
Born-12/19/1776
Mar.
Died-7/26/1847

EVE ENGLE
B-12/27/84:D-8/1/62

(Your name)
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GEORGE RILEY EVANS

George Riley Evans, second son of Daniel and Isabel Evans, was born September 9, 1851, in Vinton County, Ohio. He moved to Champaign County, Illinois, with his parents in 1866.

On June 5, 1876, he married Sarah Delia Jeffries, who was born November 28, 1848.

George died October 18, 1926; Sarah died January 17, 1929.

George and Sarah were the parents of the following children:

MYRTLE BELL EVANS, born February 15, 1877

ALBERT DANIEL EVANS, born November 3, 1878

MINNIE JANE EVANS, born February 5, 1880

FRANK SYLVESTER EVANS, born February 25, 1881

IDA MAY EVANS, born July 12, 1886

DORA FRANCES EVANS, born December 2, 1888

NELLIE FLORENCE EVANS, born August 26, 1891

MOLLIE ELIZABETH EVANS, born February 18, 1894

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MYRTLE BELL EVANS, was married to a man with the last name of Byrd. From this marriage the following children were born:

Nora Pirl Byrd, born March 27, 1904

Nellie Mae Byrd, born April 12, 1906

Myrtle Bell Byrd, born October 11, 1908

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ALBERT DANIEL EVANS, second child of George and Sarah Evans, died September 29, 1884, at the approximate age of 6 years.

MINNIE JANE EVANS, third child of George and Sarah Evans, was married to a man by the name of Thelander. From this marriage, the following children were born:

1. Carl Thelander, who married Jeannette Brownfield; and had a daughter, Sue. Sue married a Don Welch; and they have two children: Scott Kevin Welch, born July 27, 1957; and Craig Welch, born May 30, 1959.

Leslie Thelander

Lillie Mae Thelander, born June 3, 1902

Leslie George Thelander, born June 4, 1904

Bertha Elizabeth Thelander, born August 10, 1906

Carl Franklin Thelander, born September 12, 1908

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FRANK SYLVESTER EVANS, fourth child of George and Sarah Evans, was married, and had the following children:

1. Pearl Frances Evans, born August 26, 1907, who married Raymond Drennan.

2. Ralph Evans

3. Edna Evans, who married a Rucker.

4. Boy, name unknown, who died at age of 6 years.

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IDA MAY EVANS, fifth child of George and Sarah Evans, married Joe Knupp, and had the following children:

1. Oplo Pearl Knupp, born December 24, 1908

2. Edward Lee Knupp, born May 16, 1907

3. Edman Knupp.

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DORA FRANCES EVANS, sixth child of George and Sarah Evans, married Otto Rosenbeck, who was born October 27, 1883. Dora died October 13, 1946. They had one child: Homer Franklin Rosenbeck, born July 10, 1905, who died in infancy.

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NELLIE FLORENCE EVANS, seventh child of George and Sarah Evans, married Judson (Jack) F. Collins on January 15, 1913. Jack Collins died December 15, 1965. From this marriage the following children were born:

1. Lethel Mae Collins, born April 26, 1914; married Frank A. Hathorn, on October 8, 1932; they had one son : Frank J. Hathorn, born December 10, 1933, who was married in 1951, and has two children: Stevie Hathorn, born August 18, 1955; and Gary Hathron, born July 30, 1969.

2. June Esther Collins, born May 26, 1916; married Arthur F. Luther on January 6, 1935. Arthur died November 1, 1972. They had two children: Jack D. Luther, born July 29, 1942; and Donna Esther Luther, born August 1, 1947; who married Geoffrey Dean Bell on August 26, 1967.

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MOLLIE ELIZABETH EVANS, eighth child of George and Sarah Evans, married Ray L. Horsman. Mollie died August 22, 1954; Ray died August 1, 1957. They had the following children:

1. Grace Horsman who married Vernon Brucker on June 5, 1957

2. Claude Horsman who married Alice Crocker on July 18, 1954, and had the following children: Donald Claude Horsman, Jr., born May 13, 1955; and Robert Lee Horsman.

3. Virgil Horsman who married and had one child: Carolyn Sue Horsman, born March 25, 1947.

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NOTE: We are sorry we have no further information on the descendants of George Riley Evans at this time (1973); nor are we even sure this information is correct.

JOHN WESLEY EVANS

John W. Evans, third child of Daniel and Isabel Evans, was born October 4, 1852, in Franklin County, Ohio. In 1866 he moved to Champaign County, Illinois, with his parents.

In 1876, John W. and his brother, William F. Evans, left for Kansas, where they planned to homestead. John was a carpenter by trade, and travelled about Kansas and Colorado, and finally moved back to Illinois

FORMER RESIDENT BURIED HERE SUNDAY

Funeral services for John W. Evans, former highly respected resident of Rantoul, whose death occurred Thursday afternoon (September 28, 1933) at the home of his brother, Dr. C. A. Evans, at Bluffs, Ill. Services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Leonard Funeral parlors, with Rev. E. R. Berry, pastor of the Christian Church, in charge. Burial was made in Maplewood Cemeter. (Note: Services and burial both in Rantoul, Ill.)

The deceased who was over 80 years of age, was a bachelor and made his home with his brother, Dr. Evans. He is survived by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. John Yankee, Alma, Mich., W. F. Evans, of Rantoul; James Evans, Dewey; S. H. Evans, of Shelbyville; and Dr. Evans, of Bluffs. (From an old newspaper clipping, believed to be the Rantoul Press.)

John Evans and his nephew, Lee Evans, built the home for Daniel Evans and his wife, along Route 136, west of Rantoul, that eventually became the home of William F. Evans and his wife; and later that of their daughter, Hazel E. Webster. That home was moved to the farm of Harold Schlensker, east of Rantoul.

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WILLIAM FRANK EVANS

When William F. Evans was 27 years of age, he married Miss Sarah Bell Rider on December 31, 1882, in Hodgeman County, Kansas. Mrs. Evans was born 20 miles west of Detroit, the only child of Jason L. and Mary (Forshee) Rider, natives of Michigan. She was well educated in the public schools of Michigan and at the age of 23 she joined her father in Kansas where he'd moved after her mother's death because of loneliness of a broken home. While in Kansas, she met Mr. Evans, who, in 1876, had gone out to the western counties with his brother, John, to take up a homestead.

They had youth, enthusiasm and industry, though Mrs. Evans suffered much from ill health after the birth of their son, Frank Lee, on December 14, 1884.

For 10 years Mr. and Mrs. Evans struggled with the adverse conditions of life in western Kansas. Nearly all the experiences that the pioneers in western Kansas endured were a portion of the life of Mr. and Mrs. Evans. There were droughts, hot winds, crop failures, and prairie fires.

From the Brown Grove Township, Pawnee County, Kansas, Census of 1885:

> William F. Evans, Sarah B. Evans, Frank Lee Evans, and John Evans (single) at same residence; 5 acres in corn, 10 acres in sorghum, 10 acres in millet and hungrain, 4 horses, 35 milch cows, 27 other cattle, 3 other cattle, $40 value of animals slaughtered year ending March 1, 1884, one dog.
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> Probably every acre of sorghum planted this spring is for feed and that only; 220 males and females in Township. School teacher paid $25-$35 per month; land prices in 1884, $4-$6 per acre.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans lived in stock-raising country, and Mr. Evans acquired a large head of cattle, but he lost most of it during the great blizzard of 1886. Although there is no record of their personal hardships and suffering during the great blizzard, one can only imagine their struggle for survival with a one year old baby; and had sufficient energy and ambition to work at building up their stock again.

A daughter, Hazel Belle, was born to them on August 5, 1887. Mrs. Evans suffered a severe injury to one of her feet as the result of holding some horses while William F. was shooting some injured stock; and about that time Mr.

Evans decided to sell his stock in order that he might have more time to wait on his wife. When the stock was sold he put the money in the bank. Then came the year of panic and hard times of 1893 -- the year of woe, poverty, suffering, high interest rates, low prices for grain, etc. -- and the treasurer of the bank absconded with all the money, including Mr. Evans' hard won savings.

It was about this time that the second prairie fire swept over their land. It started about 15 miles farther up the Pawnee River from their land, and by the time it reached the Evans land it was about 10 miles in length, roaring and leaping before the fierce wind that drove it onward. Although the settlers strived to battle the flames, it was of no use for the angry flames could not be checked in their race across the prairie. All of their buildings were burned except the house and cattle shed, and many of their horses and sheep were lost.

Prospects were so discouraging that they decided to sell their Kansas interests and return to Illinois, where Mr. Evans' parents had long been waiting for a visit. For the return journey, Mr. Evans fitted up a wagon into the model of the old type of prairie schooner. In this way, he, his wife, 9 year old son and 6 year old daughter, made provisions to live as comfortably as possible during their journey, and they spent 51 days on the return trip. They slept in the wagon, never once in a house, and finally arrived at Mr. Evans' old home in Champaign County, Illinois. Mr. Evans' parents would not listen to any thought of their returning to Kansas and nothing would do but they must try farm life in Illinois; so, for one or two years, he rented a farm near Dewey, later farmed for his father, and finally was able to purchase the beautiful 160 acre farm, named Maple Hill Farm, 2½ miles west of Rantoul. This land is still in the family, being owned by Paul Evans, a grandson of William F. Evans.

In Champaign County, Mr. and Mrs. Evans were fortunate in having superior educational advantages for their children. The son and daughter completed the course of the eighth grade and afterward were students in the Rantoul High School, where they graduated. The son took the agricultural course at the University of Illinois and became a practical and scientific farmer on a place adjoining his father. The daughter, Hazel Belle, after graduating from the Rantoul High School, became a very successful teacher. She taught two years in the Hyde School, also at Union Center School, and her unusual qualifications caused the school board to employ her to teach the higher courses in the district school, and thus she afforded the pupils the opportunity of carrying on high school work in a common school.

After their children were out of high school, William F. and Sarah took a trip, by wagon, back to Kansas, through Colorado, and returned by way of Michigan.

The year 1926 was filled with sorrow. Sarah Bell Evans died July 27th of cardiac dilitation; and Mr. Evans' son-in-law, Ed Webster, was killed in an automobile accident. Hazel Webster and her five children moved in with her father at his home.

ANOTHER CALLED
June 27,1966

Mrs. Sarah Bell Evans, aged 66, wife of W. F. Evans and mother of Lee F. Evans and Mrs. Hazel Webster, died Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at their "Cloverdale" farm, one and one-half miles west of Rantoul, following a lingering illness.

She had been in failing health for the past few years,yet her death came as a shock to the immediate family and her relatives and friends who were scattered far and wide.

The funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at the home at 2:30 o'clock, with Rev. Starr of Pittsfield, Ill., officiating. Interment will be in Maplewood Cemetery, one mile north of Rantoul.

The pallbearers will be Henry Baker, Charles Jones, Paul Phillips, Frank Webster, Charles Hefferan, and Henry Schlensker.

For thirty-three years, she had resided in north Champaign County, coming here with her husband in 1893 from a farm near Burdette, Kans., where they had lived for ten years following their marriage in Hodgner county, Kans., on January 1, 1883.

She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rider, being born near Detroit, Mich., on May 28, 1860. Her mother died when she was but two years old, her father moving later to Kansas, she remaining with her father until her marriage to Mr. Evans.

Upon arrival in Champaign county in 1893, they first occupied the Joe Drennan farm south of Dewey. One year later they moved to the farm where the son,

Lee Evans, now resides. Thirteen years ago, they moved to their "Cloverdale" farm, a short distance west of Rantoul.

Besides the husband, daughter and son, she leaves a half-sister and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her departure. (From an old newspaper clipping.)

Dick, as William F. Evans was called, never learned to drive a car, although he would consent to ride in one of the "dang fool things!" To maintain a certain amount of independence in his later years, he bought a beautiful, black mare, named Bird, and a buggy for his mode of transportation to check on the crops during cultivation, planting, growing and harvesting times. His hearing was diminishing with the years, but Bird was a reliable horse, alert to the motor traffic, and safely picked her way on these journeys.

After suffering through the year long illness and eventual death of his son, Lee, in 1935; and having witnessed the long, lingering illnesses of so many of his brothers and sisters, when Dick got a bad cold during the spring of 1939 he must have thought he was due for a long seige of illness whereby he would become totally dependent upon his widowed daughter, Hazel, and his widowed daughter-in-law, Mina (who had recently undergone serious, major surgery), and apparently felt his family had enough responsibilities, so he took his own life on July 7, 1939.

W. F. EVANS, 83 DIES OF GUNSHOT WOUND FRIDAY

Resident Of Community For Half Century
Buried Here Sunday Afternoon

Was "Too Much In Pain"

W. F. Evans, 83, resident of the Rantoul Community for nearly a half century, was found dead at 6:30 o'clock Friday morning in the yard of his daughter's home, a mile and a half west of Rantoul, with a gunshot wound in his head.

An inquest was held Friday evening and the jury decided that Mr. Evans shot himself in the forehead with a shotgun which was found beside the body. Chief point in the testimony at the inquest was a note, written by Mr. Evans. The note read: "am in too much pain to live, so will try to end it all with a flash. There is no one

to write. Goodbye everyone. I will not be missed after the shock is over."

Paul Evans, grandson of the dead man, testified that he discovered the body seated on a bench in the yard. Young Evans, who lives near Mrs. Hazel Webster, with whom Mr. Evans made his home, comes to the farm each day to work.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the Webster home, with Rev. E. R. Berry, pastor of the Rantoul Christian Church, officiating. Interment was made in Maplewood Cemetery.

Mr. Evans was born May 26, 1866, in Ohio, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Evans. He was one of thirteen children. The family moved to the state of Kansas when he was five years of age. He was married in Kansas to Sarah Rider in 1881 and they moved to the Rantoul community 48 years ago. He was a farmer. After the death of his wife in 1926, Mr. Evans made his home with his daughter. (From old newspaper clipping--note discrepancy concerning Kansas.)

Besides his daughter, he also leaves two brothers, Joseph Evans, Rantoul; and Thomas Evans, Shelbyville. One son, Lee Evans, died in 1935. He also leaves eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Out of town relatives and friends attending the funeral services were Charles Webster, of Milwaukee, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Collins, of Fithian; Daniel Drennan, Faye Drennan, Mr. and Mrs. Maxey Drennan and family, of Eta; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Drenan and daughter of Neoga; Mrs. Chas. Castevens, of Mattoon; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Overmeyer, of Pesotum; Mr. and Mrs. Rex Evans, of East St. Louis; Mrs. Thomas Miller, Ross Drennan and son, Cecil Drennan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kuhns, Joe Evans and family, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Rodenbeck and Thomas Hewerdine, of Dewey; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Yakel, of Champaign; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Campbell, of Greenville, Ohio; Otto Campbell, of Monroeville, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Evans and family and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gustafson and son, Kendall, of Penfield; Mrs. O. Hetzler and daughter, Lois Jean, of Bloomington; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Evans and family, of Chicago; Tom Evans, of Shelbyville; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Johnson and daughter, Arlene, of Paxton; Mr. and Mrs. Dave Ingleman and family, of Ludlow; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Horseman, of Fisher. (Rantoul Press, 7/13/39)

Dick Evans, during his lifetime, never once went to a barber shop. As he and his brothers were growing up they cut each other's hair. When his son, Lee, was old enough he cut his father's hair; and in his later years his daughter, Hazel, and his grandson, Paul, did the barbering.

In politics, Mr. Evans was liberal in his views and believed in voting for principles instead of for party. However, he long threw the weight of his influence on the side of temperance and looked forward to the date, within his own lifetime, when nation-wide temperance would be a reality.

I was only six when my grandmother died, but I remember her as being a person who did beautiful embroidery, applique and other handiwork; but, best of all, I remember her wonderfully big, enjoyable scrapbook of interesting, colorful pictures she'd cut from magazines and pasted into a large, fabric sample catalog.

As to my grandfather, I remember him best as sitting out under one of the large maple trees, whittling on a piece of wood or small tree branch, as he whistled a merry little tune. Another fond remembrance of him was how he would finally give permission to me and Gladys Webster (my cousin) to saddle up old Bird and ride her, when we all knew that we would ride her at a full gallop and Grandpa would have trouble keeping her to a trot when he hitched her up to the buggy again. (Geil Evans Butler, 1973)

William Frank and Sarah Bell Evans were the parents of the following children:

FRANK LEE EVANS, born December 14, 1884
Pawnee County, Kansas

HAZEL BELLE EVANS, born August 5, 1887
Pawnee County, Kansas

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FRANK LEE EVANS

(William F. Evans, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

Frank Lee Evans, known as Lee Evans, attended Union Center Grade School, and graduated from Rantoul High School as Salutorian on June 10, 1904, of a class of 5 men and 3 young women. His oratory was on "The Progress of Learning."

He taught one year at Gray School, and then wanted nothing more to do with the teaching profession. He took some classes in agricultural at the University of Illinois and farmed with his father.

On April 29, 1908, he married Mina Elsie Webster, who was born May 22, 1883, in Delavin, Tazewell County, Illinois, the daughter of Charles and Mary B. Webster.

WEDDING STORY OF F. L. and MINA EVANS

MINA WEBSTER IS CHOSEN BY FRANK LEE EVANS AS A LIFE HELPMATE

Miss Mina E. Webster and Mr. Frank Lee Evans were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Webster, four miles southwest of this city, at 5 o'clock Wednesday evening. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Evans.

The bridal procession, formed of six bridesmaids, marched to the strain of "Hearts and Flowers" played by Miss Hazel Evans, to an arch of smilax and wedding bells, the color scheme being green and white. The couple stood beneath this canopy while the ceremony was performed by Rev. F. L. Cook of Dewey.

The bride was costumed entirely in white. Her gown was Paris muslin trimmed in real valencennes lace and insertion. She carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses. The delicate beauty of the bride excited many complimentary remarks from her friends.

The following young ladies acted as bridesmaids, Misses Carroll Gilbreath, Zina McConnell, Nellie Little, Ida McConnell, Georgia Webster and Harriett Kerr. Mrs. McConnell was mistress of ceremonies and had arranged every detail in a most pleasing manner.

After the conclusion of the simple but impressie service a sumptuous bridal supper was served. The delicious viands were participated in with more than ordinary appetite owing to the dainty way in which they were served. Mrs. Maggie Fiedler of Thomasboro was cataress and showed more than ordinary interest in making the repast dainty and delicious. The bridal cake, a triumph of culinary art, was the handiwork of Miss Nellie Little.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans departed on a wedding trip the same evening, taking the south bound train at Thomasboro, thus disappointing a number of enthusiastic young friends who drove to Rantoul expecting the bridal couple to leave from that point.

Many beautiful and useful gifts were received from the numerous friends of the bride and groom showing the high degree of love and esteem which both enjoy from the community at large. Both of the contracting parties were among the best young people of the community. The bride has taught in the public schools of the county the past four years and was a successful instructor. The groom is an honest and industrious young man of quiet disposition.

The happy pair will reside on the Daniel Evans farm, west of town. Mr. and Mrs. Evans will be at home after June 1.

Among those present from out of town were the following: Miss Harriett Kerr, of Oilman; Miss Carroll Gilbreath and J. W. Miller, Armstrong; Mrs. Barbara Gilbreath and Miss Rose Battershell, Henning; Miss Minnie Gilbreath, Alva; Miss Mabel Evans, Shelbyville; L. A. Webster, Chicago. The Rantoul guests were: Mr. and Mrs. William Sturdyvin and daughter, Miss Carrie, Mr. and Mrs. George Webster, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Allen and Mr and Mrs. William Engle.

The PRESS joins with a host of friends in extending congratulations. (The Rantoul Press, 1904)

Lee was a progressive young farmer; and he and the neighboring farmers worked together at harvest time to get the crops out. He always seemed to be the one to work on the haystacks, stacking the straw; or in the hayloft to stash the hay; or tying the bales as they went through the baler. During 1934 he began noticing a hoarseness in his throat that seemed to get more and more persistent until he

was unable to speak much above a whisper. He had a check-up with a local doctor, who diagnosed it as probably being a small piece of straw stuck in his windpipe. There seemed to be no medication that would cure him; so he and Mina made a trip to Mayo Brothers Clinic in Minnesota; and on to another famous clinic in Boston, Mass. The only cure they recommended was surgery with removal of the vocal cords. This was shattering news to Lee and Mina. But, before taking such a drastic step, they made one more trip, to the Michael Reese Hospital, in Chicago, where it was suggested Lee remain and take radium treatments. He had to spend several months in Chicago taking the radium, but was permitted to return to his home for Christmas of 1934. His throat was covered from ear to ear with an ugly scab. He'd lost a lot of weight and strength, and had to return to the hospital in Chicago, where his health continued to fail, until they had to operate to put a tube into his stomach to feed him because his throat was so swollen he couldn't eat. He had lost so much weight and strength that he didn't survive the surgery, and passed away April 22, 1935.

A PROMINENT FARMER, F. L. EVANS, SUCCUMBS IN CHICAGO HOSPITAL

Funeral Services Held Wednesday Afternoon For Widely Known Man of County

Burial at Maplewood

F. Lee Evans, one of the most prominent farmers of this community, living two and one-half miles west of Rantoul, was extended his last respects, although he will be long remembered for what he had done, at funeral services held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Rantoul Christian Church. Prior to these services, a short observance of respect was held at his home at 2 o'clock.

Rev. E. R. Berry, pastor of the Christian Church, officiated at the services, and internment was made at the Maplewood Cemetery. A quartet of Mrs. Herschel Keal, Mrs. Frank Martin, Lou Neal and George Williamson sang at the services.

The deceased, son of W. F. Evans and Sarah Evans, was born December 14, 1884, near Burdette, Pawnee County, Kansas. He passed away at 1 o'clock Monday morning at the Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, following a several months illness with a throat infection. He had entered the hospital several days ago for treatment.

On April 29, 1908, he was married to Miss Nina Webster, of Rantoul. He was a graduate of the Rantoul Township High School in the class of 1904 and taught in the grade school for two years. For several years he took special work at the University of Illinois in agricultural.

He was widely known for his work in the Champaign County Farm Bureau and was quite active in the Rantoul unit. He was also a member of the Knights of Pythias.

He professed his faith in Christ at an early age and was baptized and became a member of the local Christian Church. He was a splendid type of manhood and his friends were numbered by those who knew him. His death, unexpected, came as a great shock to his many friends and relatives.

His devoted companion; his father, W. F. Evans; one son, Paul; two daughters, Mrs. Henry Hadler and Miss Gayle; one grandson, Kenneth Lee Hadler, and one sister, Mrs. Hazel Webster, survive.

In addition to his activities as a farmer, his interest in the Farm Bureau and his church, Mr. Evans was a member of the Official Board of the Christian Church. He also, at one time, was on the Union Center School Board for 20 years and on the Rantoul High School Board for a period of a year and one-half. He also operated a dairy on his farm.

In respect to this esteemed man of the community, all Rantoul business and professional institutions closed during the hour of the funeral services.
(From Rantoul Press, Thursday, 4/25/35)

Mina Evans and her children, Paul and Geil, continued to live on their farm until 1940, when she bought a home in Rantoul and she and Geil moved to town. Mina was a devoted mother and grandmother, and active in the Christian Church and other social clubs. Although she'd had major surgery (colostony) prior to moving to Rantoul she continued to do her own work, including papering and painting her home, until her sudden death on April 24, 1949.

MRS. MINA EVANS DIES OF
HEART ATTACK LATE SUNDAY

Funeral services for Mrs. Mina Webster Evans, 65, Rantoul, were conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. CST in the Rantoul Christian Church. Rev. Verner J. Murray,

pastor of that church, officiated, assisted by Rev. E. R. Berry, Bellflower, former pastor. Burial was made in Maplewood cemetery with Leonard-Stephens funeral home in charge.

Mrs. Evans passed away Sunday at 11:30 p.m. CST of a heart attack in her home. She had been in poor health for several years and had been under the doctor's care but had not been bedfast.

Mrs. Evans was born in Delavan on May 22, 1881. She was married to F. L. Evans on April 29, 1908. The couple farmed west of Rantoul until Mr. Evans' death in 1935. Mrs. Evans lived in the farm home until 1940 when she moved to her new home in Rantoul.

She is survived by three children: Mrs. June Hadler, Dewey; Mrs. Geil Butler, Scott air Base, and Paul Evans, Rantoul. She also leaves a sister, Mrs. Dave Ingleman, Paxton; a brother, Leslie Webster, Sierra Madre, Calif.; two half-sisters, Mrs. Bernice Little, Rantoul, and Mrs. Edith Johnson, Paxton; one half-brother, Marion Webster, Watseka; and six grandchildren.

Her parents, two sisters, and a brother preceded her in death. (Rantoul Press)

LEE and MINA EVANS were parents of the following:

1. Leta June Evans, born June 15, 1909, Champaign County, Illinois

2. Arthur Paul Evans, born July 18, 1913, Champaign County, Illinois

3. Helen Geil Evans, born September 14, 1920, Champaign County, Illinois

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LETA JUNE EVANS

LETA JUNE EVANS, first child of Lee and Mina Evans, was born on June 16, 1909, at the farm home near Rantoul, Illinois. She attended eight years at Union Center School, a country school about 2½ miles from their home; and the Rantoul Township High School, from which she graduated in 1928. After High School she was a student at the University of Illinois for 3½ years, majoring in Home Economics.

She received her teacher's certificate and taught school a short time. On August 20, 1932, June was married to Henry (Hank) Kenneth Hadler (born October 10, 1904, in Champaign County, Illinois, a son of Arthur and Rose Hadler). They had a lovely garden wedding at her parents' home, Maple Hill Farm, Rantoul, Illinois. Rev. E. R. Berry, pastor of the Christian Church, Rantoul, performed the ceremony.

Lee Evans, June's father, designed and built a small home for June and Hank adjoining the home place, and Lee turned over the dairy business to them, which they operated for two or three years. Hank rented a farm west of Rantoul, where he farmed for several years; then they bought a home and moved to Rantoul during which time Hank was employed at the Post Office. After Mr. Arthur Hadler's death, June and Hank sold the Rantoul residence and they moved to Hank's parents' home near Dewey, Illinois, where they farmed until 1965.

Besides being busy as a wife and mother, June enjoyed sewing and embroidery work; was a faithful, active member of the Fisher Christian Church; served as a substitute teacher in the Dewey, Fisher and Rantoul schools; a 4-H leader; member of the Champaign County Advisory Board of Cancer Society; Champaign County Health Association; Fisher Women's Club, Community Fair Horse Show and Home Bureau; and the Pythian Sisters of Rantoul.

June was diabetic, which was controlled by insulin. On the evening of June 10, 1965, while attending a Sunday School dinner at the Redwood Inn, Rantoul, Illinois, she suffered a fatal heart attack and died at 8:30 p.m. en route to a Champaign hospital. Services were held at Lux Memorial Chapel, Rantoul, with Rev. David Pieratt of the Church of Christ, Fisher, Illinois, officiating; with burial at Maplewood Cemetery, Rantoul, Illinois.

June and Hank had the following children:

KENNETH LEE HADLER, born October 20, 1933,
in Champaign County, Illinois

LESTER ARTHUR HADLER, born September 6, 1938,
in Champaign County, Illinois

JAMES CHARLES HADLER, born January 24, 1945,
in Champaign County, Illinois

NOTE: Henry K. Hadler married Dorothy Warner Kornmeyer on July 7, 1967, and they now reside in Rantoul, Illinois. (1973)

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KENNETH LEE HADLER, first son of June and Hank Hadler, was born October 20, 1933, at the Mercy Hospital, Champaign County, Illinois. He attended schools in Rantoul and Dewey, and graduated from Fisher High School.

After high school he took a job with
and joined the United States Air Force, completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Texas, and had a tour in England. While in England, he met and married Julia Hatherley (born September 12, 1938, in England) on September 22, 1956, at Reading, England.

Upon their return to the States and after Kenneth's discharge from the Air Force, they lived in Dewey and Rantoul when Kenneth was working for a grain elevator.

Kenneth and Julie were the parents of the following children:

Susan Marie Hadler, born January 17, 1958, in
Champaign County, Illinois

Terry Lee Hadler, born October 7, 1960, in
Champaign County, Illinois

Bruce Alan Hadler, born February 3, 1963, in
Champaign County, Illinois

This marriage ended in divorce on December 10, 1965

LESTER ARTHUR HADLER, always referred to as "Butch," was the second child of June and Henry Hadler. He was born September 6, 1938, at Mercy Hospital, Champaign County, Illinois. He attended schools in Rantoul and Dewey, and graduated from Fisher High School in 1956.

Shortly after graduation, he joined the U. S. Navy and during his four years service, he spent much time at sea, seeing many interesting places, including Turkey and other countries along the Mediterranean Sea.

On September 17, 1961, Butch was married to Doris Rose Doehring (born May 6, 1941, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Doehring) at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sadorus, Champaign County, Illinois. Rev. Robert W. Koch officiated at the double ring ceremony.

For several years they lived in Butch's grandmother's (Mrs. Rose Hadler) home in Dewey; and then they bought their own home on the north side of Dewey, Illinois, where they now reside.

Butch is employed at the Dewey State Bank, where he has worked since his discharge from the Navy. Doris commutes to Champaign, where she is employed by M. J. Jones Co.

Butch and Doris are the parents of the following children:

Catherine Rose Hadler, born October 13, 1962,
in Champaign County, Illinois

Robert Neil Hadler, born February 10, 1966,
in Champaign County, Illinois

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JAMES CHARLES HADLER, the third child of June and Hank Hadler, was born January 24, 1945, at Mercy Hospital, Champaign County, Illinois. He was a bouncing 10 lb. 10 oz. baby!

Jim attended the Dewey and Fisher schools, graduating from Fisher High School in 1964.

Jim and Wanda Lee Haile (born October 26, 1944, in Wayne County, Illinois) were married June 25, 1965, in the First Church of Christ, Fisher, Illinois. Jim was employed by Eisner's as a truck driver.

Jim and Wanda have one son:

Gregory Allen Hadler, born January 8, 1966,
in Champaign County, Illinois

This marriage ended in divorce; and Jim is now remarried and is living in Mahomet, Illinois.

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ARTHUR PAUL EVANS

Arthur Paul Evans, the second child and only son of Lee and Mina Evans, was born July 18, 1913, at Maple Hill Farm, west of Rantoul, Illinois. He was a very small baby and Mina carried him on a pillow for several weeks.

He attended Union Center, a country school, for six years; completing seventh and eighth grades at Rantoul Grade School; graduated from Rantoul Township High School in 1931. He played football in high school, but injured a knee cap that bothered him for several years. After graduation from high school, he and two friends (Glenn Crane and Ernest Gehrt) took a tent and toured some of the northern states and Canada.

Paul was a student at the University of Illinois from 1931-1933 in the College of Business Administration with a major in mathematics. Upon the death of his father, he stayed out of college for one year to farm for his mother and help her with her business affairs. Upon her wishes and urging, he returned to college and graduated with a B.S. degree in 1935. Although he was offered several promising positions, he decided to return to the farm; and on October 30, 1937, married his high school-college sweetheart, Mary Catherine McAllister (Born March 8, 1914, in Champaign County, Illinois, a daughter of Vincent and Mary McAllister). They lived in the little house Paul's father had built for his sister, June, until 1940, when they moved into the old home place when his mother, Mina, moved to Rantoul.

Jon Paul Evans, their first born, arrived on August 18, 1938, at Mercy Hospital, Urbana, Illinois. Paul and Jonnie loved to hunt, and when Jonnie was in his early teens he built a crow-blind on the farm. On December 27, 1951, when Jonnie and a couple of his friends were out shooting crows at the blind, Jonnie was accidentally shot and killed instantly (ironically, by the same gun that his great-grandfather, William F. Evans, had committed suicide). Funeral services were held at the Methodist Church, Rantoul, Illinois, with Rev. Sutton officiating; burial at Maplewood Cemetery, Rantoul, Illinois. This unfortunate accident was a great shock to the family and took years for them to overcome their sorrow.

Kathryn (the spelling she has now adopted) had some complications during her second pregnancy and it was necessary for her to be bedfast the last couple of months, so she stayed with her mother-in-law, Mina Evans, in Rantoul, Illinois, until the birth of their second child, William

Frank Evans. Nine years later, on March 31, 1954, Nancy Susan Evans arrived and kept her mother and father busy and helped fill the void of Jonnie's death.

Paul's farming activities were ever-expanding as he purchased and rented more land, and farmed his Aunt Hazel Webster's land. Then, in the winter of 1955-1956 he suffered a severe heart attack and was hospitalized for months, followed by more months of recuperation at home.

When the Fowler State Bank was sold, Paul bought some stock and, upon reorganization, was elected Vice-President of the newly formed Bank of Rantoul. In a few years he was elected President, which position he now has, and devotes all of his time working at the Bank. In 1961 he bought a lovely home in Rantoul and moved to town; renting the home place to Vernon and Lila Little, a cousin of Paul's.

Paul's life is filled to overflowing with his work, and social and civic commitments; and he has developed the ability to recognize and call people by their name after meeting them only once.

Paul and Kathryn had the following children:

Jon Paul Evans, born August 18, 1938, in Champaign County, Illinois

William Frank Evans, born December 1, 1945, in Champaign County, Illinois

Nancy Susan Evans, born March 31, 1954, in Champaign County, Illinois

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WILLIAM FRANK EVANS, called "Bill," is the second child of Paul and Kathryn Evans, who was born December 1, 1945, at Mercy Hospital, Champaign County, Illinois. He attended the Rantoul schools, graduating from Rantoul Township High School in 1963. He was a student at the University of Illinois for one year; and then transferred to Quincy College, Quincy, Illinois, where he graduated in 1967 with a degree in business administration. After graduation he was hired by Sundstrant Aviation in Rockford, Illinois, as a statistical analyst.

Bill and Patricia A. McKay (born December 31, 1945, in Cook County, Illinois, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McKay) were married on July 19, 1968, at St. Thomas Moore Church, Chicago, Illinois, with Fr. Edwin McGown, O. Carm., officiating at the double ring ceremony. A reception was held following the wedding in the Club Allegro, Chicago. After a wedding trip to Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri, the couple returned to their home in Rockford, Illinois. Pat taught second grade in Crestwood, Illinois, the following year.

In 1970 they moved to Decatur, Illinois, where Bill is now working for Tabor Co., a commodity grain company.

Bill and Pat have the following children:

Maureen Ann Evans, born March 31, 1969, in Rockford, Winnebago County, Illinois

Anne Marie Evans, born August 27, 1971, in Decatur, Illinois

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NANCY SUSAN EVANS, the third child of Paul and Kathryn Evans, was born March 31,1954, at the Mercy Hospital, Champaign County, Illinois. She attended the Rantoul schools, graduating from Rantoul Township High School in 1971.

Nancy and Stephen Hinrichs (son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hinrichs, of Gifford, Illinois) were married on April 25, 1971, in a candlelight service in the Methodist Church Chapel, Rantoul, Illinois. They reside in a trailer on a farm east of Thomasboro, Illinois. Steve attended Parkland College, Champaign, Illinois; and Nancy is continuing her education at Parkland College.

Nancy and Steve Hinrichs have one son:

John Paul Hinrichs, born September 8, 1973,
in Champaign County, Illinois

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HELEN GEIL EVANS

The third and last child of Lee and Mina Evans was a daughter born at home on September 14, 1920. This was the last date an entry was made in Lee's diary and it simply stated he made sorghum and Mina gave birth to an 8 pound baby girl they named Helen Geil.

When it was time for Geil to start to school, Lee and Mina decided to pay tuition and send her and Paul to the Rantoul Elementary Grade School, since June was in high school and Paul only had two years left of grade school. Geil graduated from eighth grade and from the Rantoul Township High School. She'd had piano lessons from the time she was six and was pianist for the choruses and accompanied most of the vocal and instrumental soloists; and she joined the band when it was organized in 1932 (playing clarinet, and substituting on the bass drum). She was also pianist for Sunday School and church services of the Rantoul Christian Church for many years, and taught primary class in Sunday school. She was in the Junior and Senior high school plays, was an active sports fan, and was a member of a 5-piece Little German Band which played at all of the school sports events. Also, during her junior and senior years in high school, she drove the milk truck and delivered milk to the residents of Rantoul before and after school.

Upon graduation from high school, she entered the Barry Castle School of Business Training in Champaign, Illinois. Due to a severe flu epidemic that winter, she had the oppotunity to fill vacancies at various places of business, working for 25¢ an hour, and thereby gained a broader education, and received her diploma in less time than the usual course of study.

In the spring of 1939 she began working in the Quartermaster Office at Chanute Field, Rantoul, Ill., under President Roosevelt's PWA program; took the Government Civil Service exam and was awarded a permanent civil service rating. During this time she cared for her mother after major surgery and, when her mother had recuperated and bought a home in Rantoul, she and her mother moved to 415 East Sangamon in 1940.

While working at Chanute, she met and married William Gerald Butler (born February 6, 1916, the only son of Clifford Farr Butler and Bertha Howard Butler). Bill was an Army Sergeant and in those days Sergeants were not permitted to marry without the permission of the First Sergeant, Squadron Commander and the Base Commander. Having obtained military permission, Bill and Geil eloped and were married at St. Charles, Missouri, on March 2, 1941.

In June 1941, Bill was transferred to Biloxi, Miss., to help set up Keesler Field, as a new training school for the U.S. Army Air Corps; and Geil was transferred to Keesler in September 1941. Goofed up paperwork resulting in two or three months without pay (when payday was only once a month), trying to buy furniture for a 3-room apartment, and making payments on a car, all mixed with a little homesickness, made a rough beginning on a young couple. They saved their pennies, nickels and dimes to go home for Christmas; but, what a disappointment when all Christmas vacations were cancelled because Pearl Harbor was bombed on December 7, 1941, resulting in long hours of work for both Bill and Geil as they assisted in the more rapid growth of Keesler as well as supplying troops and planes to be shipped overseas.

Bill assisted in the opening of the training school at Gulfport, Miss.; and then their moving started! Tulsa, Okla., for a year; Greensboro, N.C. for about a year; St. Louis, Mo. for a few months, until Geil became so ill with her pregnancy and with the uncertainty of moving around, Bill moved her to Rantoul to be with her mother until he was able to be transferred to Chanute (Rantoul). They lived in Chapman Courts until their daughter, Bonnie Lee (born December 18, 1944, at Mercy Hospital, Urbana, Ill.) was three months old. Again, Bill moved Geil and Bonnie in with Geil's mother, and he bid them a sad farewell as he headed overseas, destination unknown. (Okinawa)

Geil and Bonnie lived with Geil's mother in Rantoul until Bill's return from overseas, late in January 1947, when he was assigned to Scott AFB, Belleville, Ill. It was several months before Geil and Bonnie could join him at Belleville, as rental houses were very scarce, particularly to people with children. Due to the press of high rent and rising prices, Geil was forced to return to work on Civil Service. While living in Belleville, they were notified of Mina's sudden death on April 24, 1949.

Bill got his overseas orders again in the winter of 1949; and, after they made a quick trip to Florida to see his mother, he left from St. Louis, Mo., headed for California by train, and Geil and Bonnie again returned to live in their home that had been Mina's. Geil became an active participant in school affairs, the Eastern Star, and designed and made many of the costumes for the local dancing school. Bill returned from overseas (Korea) in 1952, and was fortunate in being assigned to Chanute AFB, Rantoul, Ill., until the summer of 1954, when he again was shipped overseas for a tour with the Military Advisory Assistance Group in Japan. However, this time Geil and Bonnie were permitted to travel overseas and joined Bill in Tokyo in

November 1954, after a 14 day ocean voyage. During their tour in Japan, they lived in private rental (not military quarters, but housing built by the Japanese for renting to Americans), and Bonnie attended 5th and 6th grades on a military base. They enjoyed much sight-seeing and learning about local cultures; suffered through earth quakes and typhoons; took lots of pictures; and stored up many fond memories during their sojourn in Japan.

In early January 1956, Geil received word through the Red Cross that her brother, Paul, had had a severe heart attack. Geil and Bonnie returned to the States the latter part of January by Northwest Airlines, and Bill returned to the States the following summer, with another assignment at Chanute. Geil returned to Civil Service work at Chanute and they built a new home on the west side of Rantoul in the fall of 1957. Another overseas tour seemed to be coming up for Bill, so he took an early discharge (with over 21 years service) in 1959, and was hired on Civil Service; retiring from Civil Service in 1970.

Geil is presently employed as a legal secretary with a law firm in Urbana, Ill., where she has worked for the past eight years; and Bill is now a Drivers License Examiner for the State of Illinois.

Geil enjoys sewing, having made most of hers and Bonnie's clothing; thoroughly enjoys designing and making complete wardrobes for dolls. During the past several years she's built several doll houses and completely furnished them from odds and ends, about which she had several articles published in hobby magazines. Her latest hobby is building miniature wooden furniture (1½" - 1' scale), incorporating little mementoes for mini-heirlooms to hand down to her grandchildren. (1973)

Geil and Bill Butler's only child:

Bonnie Lee Butler, born December 18, 1944,
Mercy Hospital, Champaign County, Illinois

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BONNIE LEE BUTLER, only child of Bill and Geil Butler, was born December 18, 1944, at Mercy Hospital, Champaign County, Illinois. She attended the Rantoul schools, except for 6th and 7th grades when she went to Military Dependent Schools in Tokyo, Japan. She graduated from Rantoul Township High School in 1962.

During her school years, Bonnie took tap and ballet dancing lessons; was a cheerleader in high school for three years; taught swimming and was a lifeguard at the Rantoul swimming pool; and, in general, was vibrant and enthusiastic about people, activities and life.

Bonnie was a student at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, for two years. On September 5, 1964, she married Kenneth Victor Trapnell (born May 24, 1942, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada) at the Methodist Church Chapel, Rantoul, Illinois, with Rev. Friend officiating at the double ring ceremony. Their first home was in Pennsylvania, while Ken was working for Wheeler Bros. They moved back to Rantoul in late 1964 and Ken worked for the University of Illinois and played hockey with the University team. After working a short time for Bailey & Himes, Urbana, Illinois, Ken went back to work for Wheeler Bros. and the family moved to near Eielson Air Force Base, Fairbanks, Alaska, for a year, enduring the cold winter in a trailer, without a phone, when temperatures dipped to fifty degress below zero; moving to Tucson, Arizona, to suffer through the heat of the desert with temperatures up in the 100°, for a year; then on to El Paso, Texas, with more heat and dust storms.

In January 1972, Bonnie and her two daughters returned to live with her parents at Rantoul, Illinois, to have some medical and surgical work done and to try and work out her marriage problems. For the past year Bonnie has busied herself by being a Brownie Scout Leader, being a full-time mother and father to her girls, and continuing her education at Illinois Commercial College, Champaign, Illinois, by studying accountancy and tax. When she has any spare time, she enjoys sewing for herself, the girls, and others; works with ceramics, refinishing furniture, and other artistic endeavors.

Two children have been born of this marriage:

Cheryl Lynn Trapnell, born May 3, 1965, in Champaign County, Illinois

Pamela Lee Trapnell, born September 17, 1971, at El Paso, Texas

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HAZEL BELLE EVANS

HAZEL BELLE EVANS, born August 5, 1887, in Pawnee County, Kansas, attended Union Center School, Champaign County, Illinois for 8 years; and graduated from Rantoul High School in 1907. Hazel took piano lessons from Ivy Ketchum and taught piano to her own daughters later in life. She taught school at Hyde and Union Center Schools.

On September 28, 1910, she married Edward Fanning Webster (born June 3, 1885, son of Charles B. and Mary Webster) at Rantoul, Illinois.

Hazel and Ed lived on a farm five miles southwest of Rantoul. In 1918 their home burned down and two of his best horses were killed by lightning. They lived temporarily in a small two room house the neighbors helped to build until their new home was completed.

In 1926, Hazel lost her husband in an automobile accident in Urbana, Illinois, on January 16, 1926; and she lost her mother, Sarah Belle Evans, on July 27, 1926. Soon afterwards in 1927 she moved in with her father, William F. Evans, at his home one and one-half miles west of Rantoul so she could care for him and her children would have the advantage of the Rantoul Schools.

Her life was busy with raising four girls and a boy, during all of which time she was a faithful and active member of the Rantoul Christian Church.

After her children had grown to maturity, married and left home, she busied herself with making quilts, by hand, for each of her grandchildren, as well as keeping abreast of the times and having a keen interest in all of her children and grandchildren. In 1965 the land on which her home was situated was taken by the State for building a new highway; and she had a new house built just south of the old place, where she resides now (1973) with her son, Charles, and has her daughter and son-in-law, Gladys and John Koelbl, as her next door neighbors.

Children of Hazel and Ed Webster:

CHARLES WILLIAM WEBSTER, born July 13, 1911

DOROTHY MAY WEBSTER, born August 6, 1913

RUTH PEARL WEBSTER, born July 2, 1915

GLADYS DALE WEBSTER, born April 15, 1918

BONNIE JEWEL WEBSTER, born December 15, 1924

CHARLES WILLIAM WEBSTER, first and only son of Ed and HAZEL EVANS WEBSTER, attended Gray School and graduated from Rantoul Township High School.

He worked in Milwaukee, Wisconsin during 1938 and 1939. He joined the Army and served in the European Theater; France, Belgium, Germany, and England.

Charles is well-known for his hobby of photography by the beautiful pictures he makes.

He has assisted Champaign County Historical Society in obtaining pictures and information for history; besides constantly doing extensive study for the Webster family history.

Charles works at Champaign County Court House for the past 26 years, in the Recorder's Office. He resides with his mother west of Rantoul, Illinois.

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DOROTHY MAY WEBSTER, second child of Ed and HAZEL EVANS WEBSTER, was born August 6, 1913, in Champaign County, Illinois. She completed 8 years of grade school and graduated from Rantoul Township High School, from Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois. She taught school for a few years. Her major was Art.

On September 23, 1939, she married Harold H. Schlensker (born September 4, 1911, son of William and Nora Schlensker) at the bride's home, Rantoul, Illinois, with Rev. E. R. Berry officiating at the ceremony.

After their marriage, Dorothy and Harold lived in the small house on Mr. Schlensker's land, southwest of Rantoul; and then several years on Dorothy's parent's farm.

Dorothy designed their new home, which was built east of Rantoul, where they now reside (1973).

Dorothy's oil paintings and art work have won many ribbons and are well-known throughout the county. She has devoted many, many hours of working with Threshold residents and handicapped children, teaching them crafts and hobbies to occupy their time.

Dorothy and Harold are the parents of the following children:

RONALD WAYNE SCHLENSKER, born January 17, 1943

CARL RAYMON SCHLENSKER, born May 8, 1944

PAUL EDWARD SCHLENSKER, born April 17, 1947

ANITA LOUISE SCHLENSKER, born December 30, 1951

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RONALD WAYNE SCHLENSKER, first child of Harold and DOROTHY Schlensker, was born January 17, 1943; attended Rantoul schools, graduating from Rantoul Township High School. On January 27, 1963, Ronald married Katherine Elaine Sheppard (born July 5, 1941; daughter of James and Lois Sheppard). They have one son:

STANLEY DEAN SCHLENSKER, born August 30, 1963.

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CARL RAYMON SCHLENSKER, second child of Harold and DOROTHY SCHLENSKER, was born May 8, 1944; attended the Rantoul schools, graduating from Rantoul Township High School. On February 25, 1961, Carl married Gloria Barnia Hurdis (born May 19, 1943, daughter of Elmer Hurdis and Laura Coody Hurdis.) Carl and Gloria have the following children:

EILEEN GALE SCHLENSKER, born August 30, 1961

RANDOLPH EUGENE "Randy" SCHLENSKER, born August 14, 1962

MARK EDWARD SCHLENSKER, born August 3, 1967

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PAUL EDWARD SCHLENSKER, third child of Harold and DOROTHY Schlensker, was born April 17, 1947. Paul attended schools in Rantoul and, after a tour of military service, was married July 8, 1972, in Coles County, Illinois, to Carol Jeanette Outhouse (born December 30, 1951, daughter of Ivan Dale Outhouse and Norma Jean Litchenwalter Outhouse of Coles County, east of Mattoon).

They are the parents of a daughter, born in July 1973.

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ANITA LOUISE SCHLENSKER, fourth child of Harold and DOROTHY Schlensker, was born December 30, 1951. She attended the Rantoul schools; and was married in Champaign County, August 2, 1969, to Richard Ruthenburg (born August 3, 1947, in Detroit, Michigan, a son of Richard Ruthenburg and Jacquline Maurice Ruthenburg.)

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RUTH PEARL WEBSTER, third child of Ed and HAZEL WEBSTER, was born July 2, 1915, in Champaign County, Illinois. She attended the Rantoul schools, graduating from Rantoul Township High School, and also a graduate of Illinois State Normal University at Normal, Illinois. She taught school for one year; then she began working for the federal government in Civil Service, serving two years with the occupational forces in Japan after the second World War.

On October 30, 1949, she married Ernest H. Gehrt (born September 5, 1911, a son of Julius M. Gehrt and Caroline Kuhn Gehrt, who lived just north of Dillsburg, east of Rantoul). They were married at the First Christian Church, Rantoul, with Rev. Verner Judson Murray, pastor of the church, officiating. After a month's wedding trip to Grand Canyon and the Rocky Mountain area, Mr. and Mrs. Gehrt made their home on a farm near Speer, Illinois, approximating 25 miles north of Peoria, where they still reside.

Ruth and Ernest are the parents of the following children:

DAVID LEE GEHRT, born July 26, 1950

GLENN ALAN GEHRT, born July 1, 1952

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DAVID LEE GEHRT, first child of Ernest and RUTH GEHRT, born July 26, 1950, attended local schools and graduated from Bradley University at Peoria, Illinois, in December 1972, majoring in electronics. At present he is working as a service and repair man on computers used by Caterpiller Tractor Co.

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GLENN ALAN GEHRT, second child of Ernest and RUTH GEHRT, was born July 1, 1952, and attended the local schools. Glenn is now working in Peoria as a parts man in a motorcycle store.

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GLADYS DALE WEBSTER, fourth child of Ed and HAZEL WEBSTER, was born April 15, 1918, in Rantoul Township. Gladys attended four years at Gray School, four years at Rantoul Grade School; and graduated from Rantoul Township High School in 1935. Following graduation, she completed four months of business college and then worked as a secretary until she was married.

On June 16, 1937, Gladys married John Koelbl (born May 26, 1907, a native of Munich Schwabing, Bavaria, Germany). The wedding was at the home of the bride's mother, west of Rantoul, with Rev. E. R. Berry, pastor of the Christian Church, officiating. John was an enlisted man in the United States Army and the U.S. Air Force, attaining the rank of Warrant Officer prior to his retirement after more than 30 years service. They made their first home in Aurora, near Denver, Colorado; spent three years in Germany; and were returned to the States to Roswell, New Mexico, where they lived for 12 years. After John's retirement, they built a new home just west of Rantoul in 1961.

Gladys is a loving, devoted wife and mother; enjoys pets (cats, dogs, horses, etc.); and loves to play the piano.

Gladys and John are the parents of the following children

JOHN JUNIOR KOELBL, born January 27, 1938

JEAN DARLENE KOELBL, born April 6, 1940

RICHARD LEE KOELBL, born January 8, 1943

ROBERT NORTON KOELBL, born August 10, 1944

BONNIE KAY KOELBL, born July 24, 1951

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JOHN JUNIOR KOELBL, first child of John and GLADYS KOELBL, was born January 27, 1938, in Adams County, Colorado. On May 23, 1959, at Deadwood, South Dakota, Johnnie married Ruby Carlson (born December 11, 1941, in Lawrence County, S. D., a daughter of Ancher William Carlson and Elizabeth Vera Westerland Carlson). Johnnie is an enlisted man in the United States Air Force; and they have lived in many places, including England and Germany. They have the following three sons:

JOHN JAY KOELBL, born October 15, 1959

STEVE DEAN KOELBL, born October 18, 1960

TERRY GENE KOELBL, born June 1, 1962 (in England)

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ROBERT NORTON KOELBL, fourth child of John and GLADYS KOELBL, was born August 10, 1944, in Adams County, Colorado. On December 30, 1964, Bob was married to Glyna Fay Daniel (born August 3, 1944, a daughter of Wesley Henry Daniel and Linnie Gillis Daniel), at Roswell, New Mexico. They have one adopted child:

JULIE ELAINE KOELBL, born February 6, 1972

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JEAN DARLENE KOELBL, second child of John and GLADYS KOELBL, was born April 6, 1940, in Adams County, Colorado. On April 7, 1967, she married Lloyd R. Degnan (son of Mrs. Nan B. Haugen of Paradise, California). The wedding was at the Betany Park Christian Church, in Rantoul, Illinois. They have a daughter:

SHARON MARIE DEGNAN, born February 22, 1970,
at Beale Air Force Base, California.

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RICHARD LEE KOELBL, third child of John and GLADYS KOELBL, was born January 8, 1943 in Adams County, Colorado. He graduated from high school at Roswell, New Mexico, and is an enlisted man in the U. S. Navy, where he has served for the past ten years, serving in the submarine service. He has his own home on Rural Route #2, Gibson City (1973) and is a mechanic at Kraft Foods Plant in Champaign, Illinois.

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BONNIE KAY KOELBL, fifth child of John and GLADYS KOELBL, was born July 24, 1951, in Chaves County, New Mexico. She graduated from Rantoul Township High School and is attending school at Parkland College and the University of Illinois and working part time at Eisner's in Rantoul.

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BONNIE JEWELL WEBSTER, last child of Ed and HAZEL WEBSTER, was born December 15, 1924. On November 25, 1950, she married Charles Bernard Swanson (born September 26, 1926, a son of Charles Victor Swanson and Agnes Swanson) in Champaign County, Illinois. Before her marriage, Bonnie graduated from the Rantoul Township High School, and was a clerical worker. For several years before her death she worked in the office of the hospital at Chanute Air Force Base. Charles and Bonnie first lived in Rantoul for a time, and then lived on a farm about a mile south-west of Ludlow.

On August 8, 1967, Charles, Bonnie and their daughter, Carolyn, were just starting on a vacation trip and had a head-on collision just south of Arcola, Illinois. Bonnie and Carolyn were killed instantly. Charles was hospitalized for several months.

Bonnie and Charles had one daughter:

CAROLYN DIANE SWANSON, born February 29, 1956
died August 8, 1967

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ELIZA ELLEN EVANS

Eliza Ellen Evans, fifth child of Daniel and Isabel Evans, was born March 8, 1858, in Franklin County, Ohio. She moved to Champaign County, Illinois, with her parents in 1866.

On September 20, 1884, she married Joseph Levi Drennan, who was born October 18, 1859.

MRS. DRENNAN DEAD

Highly Respected Resident of Near Dewey
Passes Away After Serious Illness.

Mrs. Joseph Drennan died at 12 o'clock Monday at Burnham hospital in Champaign, where she has been for the past seven weeks, suffering with cancer. The decedent and her husband resided on a farm a half mile south of Dewey in which vicinity she was well known.

Mrs. J. L. Drennan, daughter of Daniel and Isabelle Evans, was born in Franklin County, Ohio, March 8, 1858. She died in Burnham Hospital in Champaign, on April 1, 1912, at the age of 54 years, and 23 days.

She came to Champaign county, Illinois, in March, 1868, with her parents, and has made this county her continuous home since.

She was married to Joseph Drennan, of Dewey, on September 2, 1884, and this union was blessed with two sons, Roscoe L. and Cecil C., who reside near Dewey at this time. She joined the Christian church when she was about twenty years old, and has lived a constant Christian life.

She made friends of all who knew her and she will be greatly missed as a neighbor and friend. The notch she filled in society in which she moved will feel her absence, for she always played her part in making every occasion of which she was a part an enjoyable one.

She belonged to a family of twelve children all of whom lived to be grown with the exception of the oldest who died in infancy. She has been preceded to the future world by one sister, Mrs. John Campbell, who died in June 1890, and her mother, Mrs. Isabel Evans, who died on July 3, 1905.

She leaves to mourn her going away, an aged,

loving father, and sisters, Mrs. Edward Drennan, of Aetna, Ill., and Mrs. John Yankee, of Ludlow, Ill.; seven brothers, Geo. R. and Joseph H., of Dewey, W. F. and J. W., of Rantoul; Sylvester H., of Shelbyville, Ill.; Dr. C. A., of Bluffs, Ill.; Howard H., of Ludlow, and a loving, devoted husband, two sons, Roscoe L. and Cecil C., many relatives and friends.

"Servant of God, well done." (From an old newspaper clipping.)

Joseph Levi Drennan died at home on October 11, 1932. Both are buried at Willow Brook, Fisher, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Drennan were the parents of the following children:

ROSCOE LEE DRENNAN, born June 17, 1887

CECIL CLARK DRENNAN, born February 19, 1892

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ROSCOE LEE DRENNAN

ROSCOE (Ross) LEE DRENNAN, first child of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Drennan, was born June 17, 1887. On February 1, 1922, he was married to Viola Myrtle Jane Cook (born October 25, 1899). Viola Myrtle died January 2, 1950; Ross died January 5, 1953 of a heart attack.

Ross and Viola Myrtle Drennan had the following children:

RUTH ELLEN DRENNAN, born April 27, 1926, at Dewey, Illinois

DONALD LEE DRENNAN, born August 2, 1929, at Dewey, Illinois

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RUTH ELLEN DRENNAN, daughter of Ross Drennan, married Bernard Rogers on May 2, 1946; and they were divorced in April 1947. On October 30, 1948, Ruth Ellen married Harland Eugene Williams (born November 21, 1923) at the home of Harland's mother in Farmer City, Illinois.

Ruth Ellen had the following children:

Bradley Ross Williams, born July 25, 1947;

Cathy Arlene Williams, born September 5, 1949; who is married to John Bartlett.

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DONALD LEE DRENNAN, son of Ross Drennan, was married on October 29, 1950, at the Christian Church, Leroy, Illinois, to Georgia Ruth Phillips (born October 4, 1932). They are the parents of the following children:

Phillip Lee Drennan, born February 17, 1952

Dale Michael Drennan, born December 23, 1952

Bruce Robert Drennan, born October 31, 1954

Kay Ann Drennan, born August 20, 1956

All of these children were born at the Burnham City Hospital, Champaign, Illinois.

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CECIL CLARK DRENNAN

CECIL CLARK DRENNAN, second child of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Drennan, was born February 19, 1892, at Dewey, Illinois. On June 4, 1913, he was married to Ethel Lucy Ward (born February 20, 1892, at home, west of Champaign, Illinois). Ethel died July 2, 1923; Cecil died October 8, 1962 of cancer. Burial at Willow Brook, Fisher, Illinois.

Cecil and Ethel Drennan were the parents of the following children:

ELEANOR JUNE DRENNAN, born July 20, 1914, at Dewey, Illinois

CLARENCE LYLE DRENNAN, born December 16, 1915, at Dewey, Illinois

HELEN LOUISE DRENNAN, born October 31, 1917, at Dewey, Illinois

DOROTHY ADA DRENNAN, born December 16, 1919

FRANCES RUTH DRENNAN, born March 31, 1922

"Baby" who died in infancy.

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ELEANOR JUNE DRENNAN

ELEANOR JUNE DRENNAN, first child of Cecil and Ethel Drennan, was born July 20, 1914, at Dewey, Illinois. On Julye 23, 1932, at Covington, Indiana, she married Walter Elmer Kuhns (born April 8, 1908, at Mahomet, Illinois).

June and Walter Kuhns are the parents of the following children:

DARLENE JUNE KUHNS, born January 15, 1933, at Mahomet, Illinois

BETTY LOUISE KUHNS, born December 10, 1933, at Dewey, Illinois

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DARLENE JUNE KUHNS was married August 9, 1957, in the Fisher Christian Church, Fisher, Illinois, to Roger Herbsleb (born March 14, 1937). They are now divorced. Their children are:

Cecil Earl Herbsleb, born April 14, 1962, at Lincoln, Illinois

Lori Ann Herbsleb, born September 25, 1963, at Champaign, Illinois

Janet Sue Herbsleb, born October 24, 1965, at Champaign, Illinois

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BETTY LOUISE KUHNS was married on August 26 1955, at Church of Christ, Fisher, Illinois, to Francis E. Taylor (born June 9, 1932, in Ford County, Ill.). They have the following children:

Chris Eugene Taylor, born October 31, 1957

Gayle Walter Taylor, born February 19, 1962

Both of these children were born at the Burnham City Hospital, Champaign, Illinois.

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CLARENCE LYLE DRENNAN

CLARENCE LYLE DRENNAN, second child of Cecil and Ethel Drennan, was born December 16, 1915. He was married on November 24, 1938, to Lenore Frances Fairfield at her home in Fisher, Illinois. Clarence died April 22, 1960, from a heart attack and stroke. Burial at Willow Brook, Fisher, Illinois.

Clarence Lyle Drennan and Lenore Frances Fairfield Drennan were the parents of the following child:

JUDITH MARIE DRENNAN, born September 16, 1940. She married Ronald Lee Kuhns on October 2, 1959 (Ronald Lee was born February 21, 1941, at Mahomet, Illinois.) They are the parents of the following:

Michael Lee Kuhns, born May 16, 1960

Julie Ann Kuhns, born August 4, 1962

Jeffery Kuhns, born October 18, 1970

All three of these children were born at the Burnham City Hospital, Champaign, Illinois.

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HELEN LOUISE DRENNAN

HELEN LOUISE DRENNAN, third child of Cecil and Ethel Drennan, was born October 31, 1917, in Dewey, Illinois. She was married to Henry Orville Stutzman on January 4, 1940. During World War II he served in the Seabeas.

They are the parents of the following children:

SUZANNE STUTZMAN, born October 31, 1941

SANDRA KAY STUTZMAN, born January 3, 1943

STEPHANIE STUTZMAN, born March 16, 1948

STACY LEIGH STUTZMAN, born February 29, 1952

SARA LOUISE STUTZMAN, born September 24, 1955

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SUZANNE STUTZMAN, was married to Roger Robeson on October 17, 1964, at Monticello, Illinois. They have one child:

Racehelle Robeson, born June 15, 1969

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SANDRA KAY STUTZMAN, was married to Richard Shoemaker on June 23, 1966. They are the parents of one child:

Beth Ann Shoemaker

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DOROTHY ADA DRENNAN

DOROTHY ADA DRENNAN, fourth child of Cecil and Ethel Drennan, was born December 16, 1919. She was married on November 18, 1945, to Ward T. Meneely (born November 27, 1915). Ward died June 1, 1954; and Dorothy Ada married Lane Bradley on February 1, 1957.

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FRANCES RUTH DRENNAN

FRANCES RUTH DRENNAN, fifth child of Cecil and Ethal Drennan, was born March 31, 1922. On June 19, 1942, she married Ralph Wolfin. They have the following children:

RUTH ANN WOLFIN, born May 22, 1943

RONALD CLIFTON WOLFIN, born June 26, 1944

ROGER DEAN WOLFIN, born November 6, 1947

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RUTH ANN WOLFIN married Joe Gilbert and they are the parents of two children: Tammy and Timmy.

RONALD CLIFTON WOLFIN, was married August 28, 1970

ROGER DEAN WOLFIN, is married.

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JOSEPH HARRISON EVANS

Joseph Harrison Evans, sixth child of Daniel and Isabel Evans, was born May 7, 1860, in Franklin County, Ohio; and moved to Champaign County, Illinois, with his parents in 1866.

On February 21, 1883, Joe Evans married Amanda Jane Epler at Dewey, Illinois. Joe Evans died September 14, 1939; and Manda died October 3, 1943. Burial is at Willow Brook Cemetery, Fisher, Illinois.

Joe and Amanda Evans were the parents of the following children:

CHESTER EVANS, born February 27, 1885.

FANNIE EVANS, born September 20, 1886.

ADA EVANS, born August 24, 1888.

OLIVE EVANS, born July 29, 1890.

BESSIE EVANS, born October 7, 1892.

EFFIE EVANS, born September 21, 1894.

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CHESTER EVANS married Pearl West on August 28, 1907. Chester died June 19, 1969; his wife, Pearl having preceded him on January 2, 1959; burial at Seaside Memorial Park, Corpus Christi, Texas. They had one son that died in infancy.

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FANNIE EVANS, who was a school teaher most of her life, is in a nursing home in Champaign, Illinois. (1973)

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ADA EVANS, who spent her entire life living with her parents on their farm near Dewey, Illinois, died September 12, 1949, at the age of 61.

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OLIVE EVANS was married on August 16, 1911, to Ardra Walker. Olive died October 25, 1926; buried at Corpus Christi, Texas. They were the parents of the following children:

Joseph Warren Walker, born July 9, 1912. Joseph died December 7, 1931, at Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Crystal Dell Walker, born November 20, 1913; was married March 17, 1939, to W. Howard Ridgway. They had a daughter, Susan Jane, born September 12, 1940, who married Joseph L. Zweimiller on October 24, 1957; and they are the parents of: Kerry Lynn Zweimiller, born July 6, 1960; and Sharon Renee Zweimiller, born September 26, 1970.

John Mark Walker, born November 21, 1924; married Jo Doris Hearne on August 5, 1939. They are the parents of the following children: John Mark Walker, Jr., born November 19, 1941; Michael David Walker, born April 13, 1944; Philip Warren Walker, born August 18, 1947; and Laurie Ann Walker, born December 6, 1952.

Ardra Vaughn Walker, born December 18, 1918; was married and had the following children: Robert Vaughn Walker, born September 1948; David Alan Walker, born November 10, 1950; Mary LeAnn Walker, born January 30, 1955.

Kenneth Evans Walker, born January 28, 1924; was married on March 1, 1944, to Barbara Ann Dodds. They are the parents of the following children: Sally Ann Walker, born October 18, 1952; and Steven Morgan Walker, born June 2, 1954.

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BESSIE EVANS was married on June 3, 1914, to Hartley Shields. Bessie died November 19, 1961; burial at Willow Brook Cemetery, Fisher, Illinois.

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EFFIE EVANS, has been a registered nurse for most of her life; and still resides in her parents' home place, on a farm near Dewey, Illinois. (1973).

Joe and Amanda Evans raised Thomas Charles Hewerdine as a foster son. Tom was born July 22, 1913, at Landery, Manitoba, Canada. His parents were Thomas S. and Gertrude Beman Hewerdine.

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MARY ELIZABETH EVANS

MARY ELIZABETH EVANS, commonly known as "Mollie," was born November 26, 1861, in Franklin County, Ohio, and was the seventh child of DANIEL and ISABEL EVANS. Mollie was married on June 8, 1880, to John Edward Campbell (born June 30, 1858). Mollie died June 4, 1890; John died July 7, 1939; burial at Maplewood Cemetery, Rantoul, Illinois.

Mollie and John Campbell were the parents of the following children:

FRANK CAMPBELL - died in infancy.

ORA CAMPBELL - died May 7, 1895, at age of 14 years.

JAMES LESLIE CAMPBELL, born August 6, 1881.

ASA CAMPBELL - married and divorced; no children; died 1928.

ALGA E. CAMPBELL (Dr. Pat) - born December 6, 1888

EDNA MAY CAMPBELL, born March 25, 1887 - died 1918.

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JAMES LESLIE CAMPBELL, third child of MOLLIE and JOHN CAMPBELL, was married on December 24, 1901, to Estella Ledderboge (born June 28, 1880). James Leslie died December 17, 1943; Estella died October 18, 1947; burial in Fort Jefferson Cemetery, Fort Jefferson, Ohio. They had three children:

GLADYS - born October 29, 1903

RAYMOND C. - born April 4, 1907

M. MARIE - born August 17, 1909.

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GLADYS CAMPBELL, first child of JAMES LESLIE and ESTELLA CAMPBELL, married Orla Noggle in 1924; Gladys died in 1934; burial in Fort Jefferson Cemetery, Fort Jefferson, Ohio. They had four children:

Twin girls born in 1926 - died in infancy.

VIRGIE L. - born June 22, 1927

JOHN LESLIE - born February 6, 1934

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VIRGILE NOGGLE, third child of GLADYS and ORLA NOGGLE, married Clifford Ward in 1944; they had one child:

Clifford Ward, Jr. - born April 1945

They were divorced; Virgie married John Wilt in October 1946; they had one child:

Pamalymn Joan Wilt - born July 13, 1949.

They were divorced; Virgie married Carl Wills in 1962; Carl died in 1964.

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CLIFFORD EUGENE WARD, first child of VIRGIE NOGGLE WARD, married Delorse Madden in 1967; they had two children:

Starr L. - born May 1968

John Nathan - born August 19, 1971

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PAMALYMN WILT, second child of VIRGIE NOGGLE WILT, was married in 1970 to Steven Beam; one child born to this marriage:

Mathew - born in September 1971

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JOHN LESLIE NOGGLE, fourth child of GLADYS and ORLA NOGGLE, married Geneva Applegate in March 1957; they had two children:

Lisa A. - born in 1958
Daniel A. - born in 1964

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RAYMOND C. CAMPBELL, second child of JAMES LESLIE and ESTELLA CAMPBELL, was born April 4, 1907; and married Mabel Stump; and from this marriage the following children were born:

RUTH E. - born November 23, 1934

KAREN M. - born May 6, 1942

RONNIE JOE - born September 21, 1946

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RUTH E. CAMPBELL, first child of RAYMOND and MABEL CAMPBELL, married James E. Falknor; they have two children

KRIS A. - born October 3, 1956

KIRK D. - born November 24, 1957

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KAREN M. CAMPBELL, second child of RAYMOND and MABEL CAMPBELL, married Dr. Stephen Werner: they have four children:

MATHEW - born August 30, 1968

DEREK - born November 3, 1969

JASON - born February 1, 1971

EDWARD - born October 31, 1972

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RONNIE JOE CAMPBELL, third child of RAYMOND and MABEL CAMPBELL, married Nancy Smith; they have two children

KIMBERY A - born March 26, 1969

LORI - born February 27, 1971

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ALGA E. CAMPBELL, born December 6, 1888, sixth child of MARY ELIZABETH EVANS and JOHN CAMPBELL, was commonly called "Dr. Pat," and was a veterinarian, married Erva M. Rusk (born July1, 1887) in 1918. Dr. Pat died August 23, 1953; Erva died December 14, 1972; burial in Maplewood Cemetery, Rantoul, Illinois. They had no children.

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EDNA MAY CAMPBELL, fifth child of MARY ELIZABETH EVANS and JOHN CAMPBELL, who was born March 25, 1887, married C. Wilhite; Edna died January 1918. They had four children (we have no information concerning these descendants).

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After the death of Mollie Evans Campbell, John Campbell married Eliza Jane "Lyda" Evans, the daughter of David Evans (a half-brother of DANIEL EVANS). Lyda was born September 26, 1862; died July 16, 1928. Lyda was a sister of Buena Vista Evans, wife of TOM EVANS.

The children born of this marriage were:

OTTO E. CAMPBELL - born December 22, 1895; died October 12, 1950. (No information concerning any descendants)

FLORENCE E. CAMPBELL - born April 27, 1897

ERNEST D. CAMPBELL - born September 19, 1900

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FLORENCE E. CAMPBELL, second child of John and Lyda Campbell, married Charles Flagg in 1917; Florence died December 1, 1957; they had one child:

MAXINE - born November 24, 1918; died in July 1938

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ERNEST D. CAMPBELL, last child of John and Lyda Campbell, was married to Mabel Hyde; they had the following children:

ERNEST, JR. - born August 14, 1921

FREDERICK S. - born October 29, 1925

S. JOHN - born February 13, 1933

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ERNEST CAMPBELL, JR., first child of ERNEST D. and MABEL HYDE CAMPBELL, married and divorced Dorothy Kring; three children being born of this marriage:

Steven - born December 16, 1943 (now married)

Linda - born September 26, 1945 (now married)

Michael - born November 4, 1947 (now married)

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FREDERICK S. CAMPBELL, second child of ERNEST D. and MABEL CAMPBELL, married Esther Robinson; they have a daughter:

Diana - born August 24, 1953 (now married)

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S. JOHN CAMPBELL, last child of ERNEST D. and MABEL CAMPBELL, married Ann Stoltz; they have two daughters:

Lisa - born November 39, 1957

Laurie - born June 19, 1961

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SYLVESTER HARVEY (TOM) EVANS

(Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

Sylvester Harvey (Tom) Evans, eighth child of Daniel and Isabel Engle Evans, was born June 20, 1863, in Franklin County, Ohio. While still small, his folks moved to Champaign County, Illinois, where he attended grade school. While still in his teens, he went on an excursion to California where he spent a year working in the redwood forests. He returned to Illinois and farmed in Champaign County.

On June 5, 1888, Tom married Buena Vesta Evans (who was born November 23, 1865, in Vinton County, Ohio, a daughter of David Eliki Evans and Mariva or Marvia Jane Wycoff or Wyckoff) at Covington, Indiana. Note: Some records show "Buenta Vesta" and some show "Buena Vestia."

Sylvester Harvey (better known as Tom) and Buena Vesta Evans moved to Shelby County, Illinois, about 1895, where he farmed until about 1898 when the family moved into the town of Shelbyville. There he worked as a carpenter and drayman until he was employed by Yost and Andes, an implement store. He worked there until he was past 65.

Both Tom and Buena Vesta were members of and active in the Methodist Church.

Buena Vesta died April 1, 1937; and Tom Evans died October 10, 1953; burial in Glenwood Cemetery, Shelbyville, Illinois, with their infant daughter.

Tom and Buena Vesta Evans were the parents of three daughters:

MABEL DOROTHY EVANS, born February 1, 1890, in Champaign County, Illinois

DAISY BLANCHE EVANS, born February 13, 1896, in Shelby County, Illinois

KATIE EVANS, born about Nov. 1, 1897, and died August 23, 1898 (age 9 months, 23 days), Shelby County, Illinois. Buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Shelbyville, Illinois.

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It is interesting to note that David Evans, the father of Buena Vesta Evans, was also the father of Eliza Jane (Lyda) Evans who was the second wife of John Campbell. David Evans was a brother of Daniel Evans.

On the discharge paper of David Evans, he was described as a 5' 9" in height, dark complexion, grey eyes, black hair and by occupation when enrolled, a blacksmith. He was mustered out of the Service of the United States Government September 14, 1864, at Camp Marietta, Ohio, having served 100 days. He enlisted as a private in Company H, 148th Regiment, Ohio Volunteers, May 14, 1864, at McArthur, Ohio.

David's death certificate indicates he died on July 15, 1900, at the age of 72 years, 9 months, 16 days, at Richland Township, Vinton County, Ohio; his occupation is shown as farmer; he was widowed; and dropsy was the cause of death. It shows his place of birth as being Elk Township.

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MABEL DOROTHY EVANS

(Sylvester Harvey Evans, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Daniel Evans)

Mabel Dorothy Evans, the first child of Tom and Buena Vesta Evans, was born February 1, 1890, in Champaign County, Illinois. When she was about five years old she moved with her mother and father to a farm in Shelby County, Illinois, where they lived until she was ready for the third grade. At this time the family moved into the town of Shelbyville.

Mabel married Foy Irwin Morse on December 25, 1912, at her parents' home in Shelbyville. They were married by Rev. Arthur S. Chapman. (Foy Irwin Morse was born January 19, 1887, in Shelby County, Illinois, a son of John Franklin and Minnie Herron Morse.)

Mabel and Foy Morse lived in Shelbyville until 1919, when they moved to a farm in Dunklin County, Missouri, for five years, returning then to Shelbyville, Illinois. Upon retirement in 1953, they joined their daughter, Esther, and her family in Mayfield, Kentucky, then on to Middleton, Wisconsin, and are now in Wayland, Michigan. (1973)

Foy and Mabel Evans Morse have two daughters:

Esther May Morse, born May 30, 1915, in Shelbyville, Illinois

Anna Vesta Morse, born September 23, 1922, in Dunklin County, Missouri

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ESTHER MAY MORSE, oldest daughter of Foy and Mabel Evans Morse, was born May 30, 1915, in Shelbyville, Ill. As a small child she moved with her parents to Dunklin County, Missouri, where they lived for five years and where she attended the first three years of grade school. They returned to Shelbyville, Illinois, in 1924, and Esther continued to attend grade school and high school there. Esther went on to Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, Illinois, where she majored in chemistry. She received her B.S. degree in 1937.

On September 16, 1937, Esther married Noel Benjamin Summers at Covington, Indiana. (Noel was born January 5, 1914, at Aberdeen, South Dakota, a son of Carl Dwight and Lois Yomtz Summers.)

Noel and Esther Morse Summers are the parents of the following children:

Noel Benjamin Summers, Jr., born October 21, 1938, at Neosho, Missouri.

Joanne Summers, born August 8, 1949, at Mayfield, Kentucky.

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NOEL BENJAMIN SUMMERS, JR. (called Bennie at home), son of Noel and Esther Morse Summers, was born October 21, 1938, at Neosho, Missouri. He attended grade school in Neosho, Missouri, and Mayfield, Kentucky, graduating from high school at the latter place. He attended Georgia School of Technology and the University of Alabama on the work-study program, but did not receive a degree. He also worked at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama.

On September 6, 1959, Noel, Jr. (Bennie) married Lindsey Elizabeth Overton at Huntersville, Tennessee. (Lindsey was born January 14, 1938, a daughter of Thomas Lindsey and Elizabeth Hall Overton.) To this untion was born:

Kathalyn Summers, born July 25, 1960, at Huntsville, Alabama

Karaleigh Summers, born January 25, 1962, at Huntsville, Alabama.

This marriage ended in divorce.

On August 12, 1972, Noel, Jr., and Nancy Caroline Poole were married in Abington, Pennsylvania. (Nancy was born April 4, 1938, a daughter of Samuel James and Florence Poole.)

Noel, Jr., is operations research analyst for the Comptroller of the Army at the Pentagon and they live in Alexandria, Virginia. (1973)

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JOANNE SUMMERS, second child of Noel and Esther Morse Summers, was born August 8, 1949, at Mayfield, Kentucky. She attended grade school in Mayfield, Kentucky, and Middleton, Wisconsin, where she graduated from high school. In 1971 she graduated from Wisconsin State University, Whitewater, Wisconsin, with a B.S. in mathematics; then she attended graduate school at Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

Joanne married Thomas Kabrovich, on June 10, 1972. (Thomas was born October 6, 1948, at Detroit, Michigan, a son of Nickola and Elena Nicola Kabrovich).

Joanne and Thomas Kabrovich live in Detroit, Michigan (1973) and they have a son:

Thomas Kabrovich, Jr., born November 15, 1972, at Detroit, Michigan.

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All of these families from Tom and Buena Vesta Evans have continued in the Methodist Church.

ANNA VESTA MORSE, second daughter of Mabel Evans and Foy Morse, was born at home on September 23, 1922, in Dunklin County, Missouri. When she was about two years old, she moved to Shelbyville, Illinois, with her parents and sister, Esther. Anna Vesta attended grade school and high school in Shelbyville, Illinois. She went to Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington, Illinois, after graduating from high school in 1940. She graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University with a B.A. degree in Sociology in 1944. On June 18, 1944, she was married to Herbert Walter Watchenski at Shelbyville, Illinois. (Herbert was born March 28, 1919, in Elbing, Germany, a son of Edward and Emma Watchenski.)

Anna Vesta and Herb lived in Bloomington, Illinois, from 1945 to 1956, when they moved to Columbia, Missouri, where they continue to reside at the present time (1973). Herb is with State Farm Insurance and Anna Vesta is a medical social worker for the cancer hospital.

Herb and Anna Vesta Morse Watchenski are the parents of three sons:

Herbert Walter Watchenski, Jr. (Called "H.W.") born August 29, 1947, at Bloomington, Illinois

Robert Irwin Watchenski, born September 20, 1948, at Bloomington, Illinois

Neil Warner Watchenski, born January 16, 1953, at Normal, Illinois

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HERBERT W. WATCHENSKI, JR. ("H.W."), first son of Anna Vesta Morse and Herb Watchenski, was born August 29, 1947, at Bloomington, Illinois. He attended grade school in Bloomington, Illinois, and Columbia, Missouri, and high school in Columbia, Missouri. He graduated from Central Methodist College, Fayette, Missouri, in 1970, with a B.A. in Political Science. He joined the Army and served overseas for awhile in Germany.

H.W. married Charlotte Ann Davis on January 23, 1971, at Kirkwood, Missouri. They now live in Holts Summit, Missouri. (1973)

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ROBERT IRWIN WATCHENSKI, second son of Anna Vesta Morse and Herb Watchenski, was born September 20, 1948, in Bloomington, Illinois. He attended grade school in Bloomington, Illinois, and Columbia, Missouri, and high school in Columbia, Missouri. He graduated from University of Missouri in Columbia, Missouri, in 1970, with a B.S. in accounting.

Robert married Marion Constance Roach on December 15, 1972. They live in Kansas City, Missouri. (1973)

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NEIL WARNER WATCHENSKI, youngest son of Anna Vesta Morse and Herb Watchenski, was born January 16, 1953, at Normal, Illinois. He attended grade and high school in Columbia, Missouri, graduating in June 1971. He is presently working in Houston, Texas. (1973)

DAISY BLANCHE EVANS

(Sylvester Harvey Evans, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

DAISY BLANCHE EVANS, second child of Tom and Buena Vesta Evans, was born February 13, 1896, in Shelby County, Illinois. While still an infant her parents moved to Shelbyville, Illinois, where she attended grade and high schools. In 1918 she graduated; she graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois, with a B.S. in home economics. The following year she taught at Robinson, Illinois, high school.

On October 14, 1919, Daisy Blanche Evans married James Raymond (called Ray) Powell. (Ray Powell was born February 19, 1895, at Mattoon, Illinois, a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Powell.)

Daisy Blanche Evans and James Raymond Powell started married life at Duvall, Illinois, where he helped his father run a grocery store and grain elevator. A few years later they moved to Chicago where Ray worked as a postal clerk. About 1924 they transferred to Montrose, Colorado. Daisy died there November 24, 1919, and was buried in Glenwood Cemetery, Shelbyville, Illinois. Ray died July 27, 1968, at Costa Mesa, California. They had no children.

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SARAH ISABEL EVANS

(Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

SARAH ISABEL EVANS, the ninth child of Daniel and Isabel Engle Evans, was born August 12, 1865, in Franklin County, Ohio. In 1866 she moved to Illinois with her mother and father and seven brothers and sisters (one brother had died in 1851 when about three years old). Three more brothers and sisters were born after they moved to Illinois.

Sarah Isabel grew up on a farm in Champaign County, Illinois. On September 7, 1887, she married Jotham Edward Drennan (born near Springfield, Illinois, on December 18, 1863, a son of Andrew Jackson and Hannah Watson Drennan). They were married in Champaign County by a Justice of the Peace.

From Champaign County they moved to Casey, Illinois, (probably by wagon) where they farmed. The soil there was so poor that they couldn't raise good crops so they moved from Casey to a farm one mile south of the Village of Etna in Coles County, Illinois, where they farmed until they retired and moved to a two room house in Etna, which they rented from Thomas Allen for $5 per month.

SARAH ISABEL DRENNAN
1865 - 1928

Mrs. Ed Drennan, formerly Sarah Isabel Evans, daughter of Daniel and Isabel Evans, passed away at the Memorial Hospital in Mattoon, Saturday evening, December 15, (1928) at six o'clock following a two weeks' illness from diabetes.

She was born at Columbus, Ohio, August 12, 1865, and was brought by her parents to Illinois when a small child. The family settled in Champaign County where she grew to womanhood and was united in marriage to Mr. J. E. Drennan, of Dewey, Illinois, September 7, 1887. They moved to Etna, Illinois, about 28 years ago.

Mrs. Drennan attended the Methodist Sunday school, bringing her children up in that faith, later uniting with the Christian Church at Etna, under the ministry of Rev. Major Griffith. She was very patient and kind, thinking of others before herself. Loving hands did all that could be done for her but the Heavenly Father knows best.

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Besides her husband she is survived by the following children: Mrs. Charles Casstevens of Etna, Mrs. Frank Overmyer of Mattoon, Elda Drennan of Neoga, Maxey Drennan of Etna, and Miss Faye and Daniel Drennan of Etna. One daughter passed away in infancy. She is also survived by one sister, six brothers, eleven grandchildren, and a host of friends.

Funeral services were conducted at the Etna Methodist church on Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock by Rev. R. C. Calderwood, pastor of the Neoga Methodist church. Interment was made in Zion Hill cemetery, Paradise (which is south of Mattoon, Illinois) (From an old newspaper clipping.)

Ed Drennan died March 16, 1955.

Sarah (also called Sally or Sac) and J. Edward (Ed) Drennan had the following children:

LOU ETTA DRENNAN, born October 10, 1888, in Champaign County, Illinois

MAXEY A. DRENNAN, born December 30, 1892, in Champaign County, Illinois

PEARL EVA DRENNAN, born May 13, 1895, in Champaign County, Illinois

ELDA ALLEN DRENNAN, born November 5, 1896, in Champaign County, Illinois

RUTH HANNAH DRENNAN, born October 16, 1898; Died March 22, 1899

FAYE VIOLET DRENNAN, born October 28, 1908, in Coles County, Illinois

DANIEL JACKSON DRENNAN, born August 5, 1908, in Coles County, Illinois

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LOU ETTA DRENNAN

(Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, Davis Evans, Caleb Evans)

LOU DRENNAN, first child of J. Edward and Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, was born October 10, 1888, in Champaign County, Illinois, near Champaign. She moved with her parents to near Casey and then to Etna, Illinois, where they settled on a farm one mile south of the village in 1901.

Lou Drennan married Charles P. Casstevens on October 29, 1911, in Mattoon, Illinois. (Charles P. Casstevens was born December 11, 1882.) They were farmers all their married life until they retired to live with her father, J. Edward Drennan, after the death of her sister, Faye Violet Drennan, who had been keeping house for him.

Lou Drennan Casstevens died November 16, 1954, at home in Etna, and is buried at Zion Hill Cemetery south of Mattoon near Paradise Lake.

Charles P. and Lou Drennan Casstevens were the parents of one child:

ESSIE RUTH CASSTEVENS, born March 23, 1913.

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ESSIE RUTH CASSTEVENS (Lou Drennan Casstevens, Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans) was born March 23, 1913, the only child of Charles P. and Lou Drennan Casstevens. She did not go to school beyond the eighth grade.

Essie married Carroll Bryon Herman (born November 2, 1911, a son of Cleo and Dessie Edwards Herman) on August 26, 1933, at Charleston, Illinois, at 3:00 p.m. with their mothers, Mrs. Cleo Herman and Mrs. Charles Casstevens, as their attendants.

Essie and Carroll Herman lived on a farm northwest of Charleston for many years, where they farmed until Carroll quit farming and went to work in Mattoon. Carroll died September 16, 1970, of a heart attack at Charleston, Illinois.

Essie and Carroll Herman had the following children:

CARROLL DEAN HERMAN, died in Mattoon Memorial Hospital at birth on Sunday, December 16, 1934.

JAMES BRYON HERMAN, born April 19, 1936

MARJORIE RUTH HERMAN, born October 6, 1938

REX DALE HERMAN, died in Mattoon Memorial Hospital at birth on Monday, at 10:00 P.M., August 9, 1943.

JERRY HERMAN, born January 2, 1947

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JAMES (Jim) HERMAN, son of Carroll and Essie Casstevens Herman, was born April 19, 1936. He grew up on a farm near Charleston, Illinois, and attended grade and high schools in this area. He graduated from Charleston High School. After graduation he was employed in the printing department of the Mattoon Daily Journal-Gazette and he served in the Charleston Reserve Unit for a few years. On February 22, 1957, Jim married Linda Lou Harpster (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence M. Harpster of R.R. 1, Ashmore, and is a graduate of Charleston High School) in the Bushton Christian Church. Jim and Linda Harpster Herman are the parents of the following children:

Mark Anthony Herman, born August 12, 1957

Tamera Lynn Herman, born March 17, 1959

Teresa Lee Herman, born May 22, 1961

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MARJORIE RUTH HERMAN, only daughter of Carroll and Essie Casstevens Herman, was born October 6, 1938. She grew up on a farm near Charleston and graduated from Charleston High School. After high school she worked as a secretary for the Charleston Chamber of Commerce before marrying Stanley L. Shoemaker (son of Mr. and Mrs. William Shoemaker of R.R. 3, Charleston, Ill.) in the Bushton Christian Church in the presence of 200 relatives and friends. The Rev. Walter A. Dent performed the double ring ceremony. Stanley and Marjorie lived in Mattoon until they moved to a western state for health reasons. They are the parents of the following children:

Gary Louis Shoemaker, born March 30, 1959

Delores Shoemaker, born August 11, 1960

Carolyn Diane Shoemaker, born May 29, 1964

Willeta Jean Shoemaker, born September 13, 1967

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JERRY HERMAN, a son of Carroll and Essie Casstevens Herman, was born January 2, 1947. To date (1973) he has never married, but lives with his mother in Charleston, Illinois.

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MAXEY A. DRENNAN

(Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

MAXEY A. DRENNAN, second child of J. Edward and Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, was born December 30, 1892, in Champaign County (west of Rantoul), Illinois. He attended the one room grade school in Etna, Illinois, after his parents and brothers and sisters moved to the farm one mile south of Etna in 1901. In his diary he wrote on Tuesday, March 14, 1911, "I quit school today." That would mean he went to grade school until he was past 18 years of age, but since there was no high school in Etna it was not unusual for boys and girls in those days to continue in grade school more than 8 years. That was the end of his formal schooling, but he was interested in education and served several years on the school board. He used to predict that some day the small school districts would be consolidated into larger districts and Etna had a good chance to become a larger school. His predictions came true in that the Buttermilk school house, two miles east of Etna, was moved into Etna and joined to the Etna Building with a kitchen in between the two buildings. Then for a number of years the first four grades were taught in the Buttermilk building and the last four years were taught in the Etna school building, and the children were served a hot lunch at noon. Then in 1961 the Etna Grade School closed its doors and the children were transported by bus to Neoga.

Maxey A. Drennan married Erma Elnora Overmyer at her home on March 3, 1915. Erma was a daughter of James Buchanan and Sarah Elizabeth Coen Overmyer; and she was born July 9, 1894, on a farm north of Neoga, Illinois. Maxey and Erma Overmyer Drennan lived in a tenant house on his dad's farm from 1915 until 1918, when they and their two small children, Edith and Robert, moved to Paxton, Illinois, where they farmed on Uncle Hout Evans' farm. In 1921 they moved back to Erma's home and lived with her mother until 1922 when they moved into the second house east of the church in Etna, Illinois, where their third child was born.

Maxey had given up farming to work as a section hand (paddy) on the Illinois Central Railroad. It was about this time that the railroad decided the long gradual slope from Neoga to Mattoon needed to be leveled as the trains were having trouble pulling their heavy loads up the hill. So, the men and machinery built up a high railroad through Etna.

During the depression years of the 30's, when banks

all over the country were going busted, the folks in Etna boasted they had a "bank" that didn't bust.

About 1923 Maxey and Erma moved again--they purchased a story and a half house across the road south from the church. This house had a kitchen, dining room, living room and two bedrooms on the first floor, and two rooms plus an unfinished attic room on the second floor. There was a porch on each side of the kitchen and one on the front (north side) of the house. The well was located under the west porch, off the kitchen, and a pitcher pump was in the kitchen. Whenever any work needed to be done on the well, they had to crawl under the west porch off of the kitchen to do the work. During the coldest nights in the winter they would have to drain the water from the pump and then prime the pump with water the next day. If they didn't do this, the water would freeze in the pipe between the well and the pump and then they would have more trouble.

About 1930, Maxey's Dad (J. Edward Drennan) told him he could rent the farm one mile south of Etna if he wanted to, so once more Maxey and Erma and their children (four by then) moved to the farm where they lived until 1936. Maxey continued to work for the Illinois Central Railroad and so he had a hired hand to help him, and his only son, Robert, do the farming. They farmed with horses, but it was during these years that neighboring farmers were beginning to use tractors and get rid of their horses.

The 1930's were depression years, so work was hard to get and money was scarce. Many mornings Maxey walked the mile from his home to Etna before 7 A.M. to work on the railroad, only to be told "No work today," so he'd walk back home and work on the farm all day. Being on the farm we always had a garden in the summer and we had our own chickens, cows and pigs, so we had plenty of meat, eggs and milk, and we sold the excess eggs or traded them at the grocery store for other grocery items we could not raise (sugar, flour, salt, vinegar, etc.). We separated the milk and drank skim milk and sold the cream to a creamery in Neoga.

About 1936 Maxey decided to quit farming, so he sold his equipment and moved back to the house he owned in Etna. He continued to work as a section hand for the railroad until he died of cancer of the liver in 1956 at the age of 63½ years.

Maxey and Erma Overmyer Drennan were the parents of five children:

SARAH EDITH DRENNAN, born December 3, 1915, south of Etna, Illinois

ROBERT MAXEY DRENNAN, born March 19, 1917, south of Etna, Illinois

ELWANDA JUNE DRENNAN, born July 13, 1922, in Etna, Illinois

MARY JANE DRENNAN, born March 6, 1924, in Etna, Illinois

RUTH AILEEN DRENNAN, born June 9, 1931, south of Etna, Illinois

All babies were born at home.

Maxey A. Drennan died on June 15, 1956, and is buried in Zion Hill Cemetery south of Paradise Lake, which is south of Mattoon, Illinois

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SARAH EDITH DRENNAN

(Maxey A. Drennan, Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

SARAH EDITH DRENNAN, first child of Maxey A. and Erma Overmyer Drennan, was born on the J. Edward Drennan farm one mile south of Etna, on December 3, 1915. She moved as a small child to Paxton with her parents, where they lived for three years. She graduated from Etna grade school in 1931 and attended Neoga Township High School for three years.

She has spent all her life, except those three years when she was a small child, in the Etna vicinity where she was active in the Methodist church, serving faithfully for over forty years as the church secretary-treasurer. Her only jobs away from home have been baby sitting and cleaning the church each week.

Early in life she started piecing quilts and has made many lovely ones. She also learned to embroider. Edith was naturally left handed but, as with most left-handed people, she learned to do some things right handed. Edith never married, but has loved caring for her many nieces and nephews.

Edith died very unexpectedly about 12:15 A.M. on Saturday, April 21, 1973 (the day before Easter). She had not complained of not feeling well nor being in any pain. Her sister, Mary Jane, was with her at the last and Edith's last word was "No" when Mary Jane asked her if she was in any pain. Edith was planning to spade up some garden and get it planted as soon as the ground dried up so she could. Also, she was making plans for visiting a cousin in Rantoul, Illinois, in two weeks; was busy piecing a quilt for a new grand-niece or nephew expected in October. The cause of her death was unknown until the undertaker, Joseph Odell, came to the home to ask for answers he needed to fill out the death certificate and he asked the family if they knew Edith had cancer of the left breast. The family did not know this or even suspect it. He said the doctor said she'd had the cancer for at least eight years as the breast was all red and sore. Edith had never complained of it hurting and had never told any one about it. She seemed to think only of staying with her mother and taking care of her. Edith, Mary Jane and Ruth had spent most of the day Thursday, April 19th, moving things down from the upstairs rooms in the house as they were getting ready to go over everything and get the house cleaned out to be torn down this summer. (1973)

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ROBERT MAXEY DRENNAN

(Maxey A. Drennan, Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

ROBERT MAXEY DRENNAN, only son of Maxey and Erma Overmyer Drennan, was born March 19, 1917, on the farm south of Etna. He was still a baby when he moved with his parents and sister to Paxton, Illinois, in 1918. Robert graduated from the Etna Grade School in Etna, Illinois, in 1931; and from Neoga Township High School in 1935. He either walked, rode horseback, or drove the family car (a Model T enclosed sedan that started out as a black car, but we painted it green) the four miles from the farm to Neoga to attend high school. There were no big yellow school buses in those days to come past his home to pick him up to take him to school and bring him back home.

As Robert was growing up on the farm he learned to plow and plant and harvest the crops and to care for the cows, horses and pigs. In high school ag class he learned how to caponize chickens so one year the family raised caponized chickens. After graduation from high school, Robert hired out to work for another man on a farm. Then he got a job as bottle washer at the Meadow Gold Dairy plant in Mattoon in 1936 and, except for the World War II years when he served in the Army, he has worked there continuously ever since. He now (1973) drives a truck and delivers milk to stores and schools in surrounding areas.

Robert answered the draft call by Uncle Sam in March 1941 and just about had his year of service completed when the Japanese struck at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, plunging the United States into the war. He was in the service from 1941 until the war ended in 1945. He arrived back home safely on December 26, 1945. During the years he was in the service he received credit for working for Meadow Gold and upon his return home he was given a job there again. Robert served as a military policeman in the Army. He received his training at Fort Riley, Kansas, Camp Boulder, Nevada, and Presidio, California. He was sent to Leyte, Okinawa, and other islands in the Pacific.

On June 23, 1946, Robert married Margaret Emmalee Davis Sweeney. She worked in the office of the Meadow Gold Company plant in Mattoon. They were married in the Faith Baptist Church in Mattoon by Rev. Dale Oliver, with Lorene Davis as maid of honor and Lawrence Davis as best man (they are twin brother and sister of Emmalee's.) (Emmalee was born September 16, 1919 at Mattoon, Illinois, a daughter of Jesse D. and Nettie G. VanWey Davis. She married Mack

Sweeney on March 4, 1939, and bore him two children--Michael and Kay. Mack Sweeney was killed in Philippine Islands on January 15, 1942, during World War II.) Robert and Emmalee purchased a house at 1217 S. 15th Street, Mattoon, Illinois, in 1946, and they are still living there to date. (1973)

Robert had attended the Methodist Church in Etna during his youth, but had never officially joined the church. After he was married he joined the Faith Baptist Church in Mattoon, where he and his wife are faithful servants. Robert also spent many summers as a J.C. baseball coach while his step-son and son were growing up and for several years after they were no longer J.C. age.

Robert and Emmalee Drennan are the parents of one son, who is the only descendant of Maxey Drennan to carry on the Drennan name. Their son is:

ROBERT LEE DRENNAN, born June 13, 1949, at Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois.

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ROBERT LEE DRENNAN (Robert Maxey Drennan, Maxey Drennan, Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

ROBERT LEE (Bobby) DRENNAN, was born June 13, 1949, in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois, the only child of Robert Maxey and Emmalee Drennan. Bobby inherited a head of red hair from his grandmother Drennan (neither of his parents are red-headed.)

Bobby grew up in Mattoon where he graduated from high school in 1967. He played J.C. and Little League baseball (Connie Mack and Babe Ruth), and as he got old enough he worked at odd jobs to earn money. At an early age he was interested in trees, so after graduation from high school he enrolled in the University of Utah at Logan, Utah, where he started to study forestry. During the summer months between his first and second, and second and third years of college, he went to California to work in the forests. After two years of this study and work, he decided to change his college major to psychology and in 1971 he received his B.S. degree in psychology from the University of Utah. At this time jobs for college graduates were scarce and hard to find so Bobby did janitor work at University of Utah until 1972 when he got a job in construction work. On June 10, 1972, Bobby was married to Christinia Carroll at American Fork, Utah, at ten o'clock in the morning in the home of the bride's parents at 825 East 200 North, American Fork, Utah. (Christinia was born January 25, 1950, at Salt Lake City, Utah, a daughter of Willard K. and Dixie Clark Carroll. She graduated from Utah State University in 1972 with a degree in education and is a special education teacher.) For their first home, Bobby and Christinia purchased a mobile home and are living at Sandy, Utah.

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ELWANDA JUNE DRENNAN

(Maxey A. Drennan, Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

ELWANDA JUNE DRENNAN, the third child of Maxey A. and Erma Overmyer Drennan, was born July 13, 1922, in the second house east of the Methodist Church in Etna, Illinois. She moved with her parents, brother and sister to the house south of the Church when she was quite small. Elwanda had an attack of yellow jaundice before she was six years old.

Elwanda graduated from the eighth grade in 1936 from the Etna one room grade school. There were five boys and girls in her class. She went to Charleston, Illinois, at Eastern Illinois State Normal College (now Eastern Illinois University) where grade school graduates from all the rural schools in Coles County were presented with their diplomas. During her eight years in grade school, Elwanda had three teachers--one in the first grade (Pauline Martin), one in the second grade (Ruth Preston), and the third one (Nina O'Day) taught her from the third through the eighth grade.

Elwanda attended Neoga Township High School, Neoga, Illinois, and graduated from there in 1940. In June she went to the Coles County Court House in Charleston and wrote on a competitive exam for the county scholarship in Home Economics at the University of Illinois. She won it! In September 1940, Elwanda left home to attend the University of Illinois. She had her county scholarship to pay tuition fees, $100 in borrowed cash to pay other fees and buy books, and a room and board job to take care of living arrangements. In the fall of 1942 Elwanda secured a job as dish washer (chemical glassware) in the Home Economics Nutrition Research Lab in the Woman's Building (later called Bevier Hall and now (1973) known as the English Building). She started working there for 35¢ an hour. From 1942 to August 1944, when she received her B.S. degree from the College of Agriculture in Home Economics Education, Elwanda continued to work at various jobs in the Nutrition Research Lab--taking care of a colony of white rats (and occasionally some black ones) and serving as a human "guinea pig" for a special diet study during World War II. Also, during this time she worked part time in the Navy V-12 Chow Hall in the Illini Union Building (this chow hall was normally called the ballroom and was located on the east end of second floor in the Illini Union Building).

In August 1944 Elwanda finished her undergraduate work at the U. of I and she went to Cisne, Illinois, at the end of the month to begin her employment as home economics teacher. Also, she was assigned to teach girls P.E. and

chemistry, which was a new subject for Cisne High School to offer, so she had to select the text book and order chemicals and other equipment for the chemistry lab which was taught in the home economics building, which was about a block from the rest of the combined Cisne Grade School and High School Building. There was no running water in this building.

The summer of 1945 found Elwanda back at the Nut. Res. Lab. on the U. of I. campus, where she worked all summer. That September she went to Bellflower, Illinois, where she had employment as the home ec teacher and, in addition, she had a class in general science and girls P.E. to teach.

After two years of teaching, Elwanda decided to return to school for further training. She was offered an assistantship in the Home Ec. Dept. and began work toward a Masters of Science degree in Foods and Nutrition which meant taking several courses in graduate school for no credit to make up the work she'd not had as an undergrad. Finally, on February 12, 1950, she received her M.S. degree.

On February 5, 1950, she had received her MRS. by marrying Clarence Everett White in the little one-room church in Etna, Illinois. As far as is known, the wedding of Elwanda and Clarence was the first one ever held in that church. (Clarence E. White was born January 28, 1915, at Salina, Pennsylvania, a son of Harry L. and Minnie Bell Heasley White. He had served in World War II and after the war had finished his B.S. degree in 1948 at the U. of W. Virginia and came to Illinois in June to work before going to Cornell U. at Ithaca, N.Y. that fall to begin graduate study. He returned to Illinois in the summer of 1949 to work just for the summer and has been here ever since (1973)). Rev. Paul Caton, pastor of Neoga, Etna and Roslyn Churches, performed the wedding ceremony at 2:00 P.M. Sunday, February 5, 1950, with Ruth Drennan, youngest sister of the bride, serving as maid of honor, and Gerald Dunn, a W. Va. U. friend of Clarence's, serving as best man.

After receiving her M.S. in February 1950 and getting married, Elwanda continued to work in the Nut. Res. Lab. until January 4, 1952, when she quit her job because of pregnancy. On January 7, she went to the doctor for a routine check-up and, after one look at her, he sent her straight to Burnham City Hospital where he thought he might have to perform an emergency operation as Elwanda's body was swollen with excess fluid and her kidneys and liver had almost ceased to function. At 7:00 A.M. the next morning he did operate and delivered two little baby boys. He did not know there was twins until then. The babies were born a month pre-mature and one weighed 4 lbs. 11 oz. and the other weighed 4 lbs. 13½ oz. They were put into an incubator

and Elwanda did not see her sons until they were four days old. The babies were kept in the hospital for twenty days but Elwanda was released after ten days.

Elwanda and Clarence White had two more sons after this. Since the twins were born by Caesarian section, the other two babies were also. The same doctor (Dr. L. M. T. Stilwell, the U. of I. football doctor) delivered all of the babies and Elwanda had the same room at the hospital each time.

Elwanda and Clarence White are the parents of the following:

JAMES EDWARD WHITE, born January 8, 1952, at Burnham City Hospital, Champaign, Illinois

GERALD LOUIS WHITE, born January 8, 1952, at Burnham City Hospital, Champaign, Illinois

JOHN DAVID WHITE, born April 2, 1955, at Burnham City Hospital, Champaign, Illinois

LARRY RICHARD WHITE, born September 19, 1959, at Burnham City Hospital, Champaign, Illinois

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JAMES EDWARD WHITE (Elwanda Drennan White, Maxey Drennan, Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

JAMES (Jimmy) WHITE was born January 8, 1952, at Burnham City Hospital, Champaign, Illinois. According to his birth certificate he was born one minute before his twin brother, Gerald (Jerry). The babies were born by Caesarian section and that was the order in which they were picked up.

Jimmy went to kindergarten at Dr. Howard School in Champaign, but before he started to first grade he moved to Mayview, Illinois, with his parents and he attended St. Joseph Consolidated Grade School for eight years. Then he attended St. Joseph-Ogden High School and graduated from there in May 1970.

When he was eight years old he joined the Cub Scouts in St. Joseph and he climbed the scouting ladder from bobcat to webelo in Pack 40, and from tenderfoot to life scout in Boy Scout Troop 40. From Troop 40 he advanced on to Explorer Post 40 where he remained a member until he was 21, and that year he stayed with the post as an associate advisor. He is still with Explorer Post 40 in that position (1973).

Jimmy learned to play the clarinet and was in the grade school band for four years. He also played Little League baseball in the summer and was a member of the Urbana 4-H Ag Club for four years.

In High School, Jimmy took up the sport of wrestling and wrestled four years.

In September 1970, Jimmy enrolled as a freshman in the College of Engineering at the University of Illinois. He secured employment in the photographic lab in the main library of the University and worked there on a part-time basis while going to school. He stayed at home while going to college. After one year in the College of Engineering he transferred to the College of Commerce, where he majored in Business Administration.

Early in life Jimmy became interested in putting car models together and later he started designing his own models. In his late teens he purchased a motorcycle which he often tore apart and put back together. Other hobbies Jimmy enjoys are car rallys and exploring caves.

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GERALD LOUIS WHITE (Elwanda Drennan White, Maxey Drennan, Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

GERALD (Jerry) WHITE was born January 8, 1952, at Burnham City Hospital, Champaign, Illinois. According to his birth certificate he was born one minute after his twin brother, James (Jimmy). The babies were identical with one being the mirror image of the other (Jimmy had a right crown and Jerry had a left crown, and that is the way they part their hair).

Jerry went to kindergarten at Dr. Howard School in Champaign, but before he started to first grade he moved to Mayview, Illinois, with his parents and he attended St. Joseph Consolidated Grade School for eight years. Then he attended St. Joseph-Ogden High School and graduated from there in 1970. When he was eight years old he joined the Cub Scouts in St. Joseph and he climbed the scouting ladder from bobcat to webelo in Pack 40, and from tenderfoot to life scout in Boy Scout Troop 40. From Troop 40 he advanced to Explorer Post 40 where he remained a member until he was 20, and that year he stayed with the Post as an associate advisor and he holds that position yet today (1973).

Jerry learned to play the clarinet and was in the grade school band for four years. He also played Little League baseball in the summer and was a member of the Urbana Ag 4-H Club for four years.

In High School Jerry took up the sport of wrestling and wrestled for four years.

In September 1970, Jerry enrolled as a freshman in the College of Engineering at the University of Illinois. He secured employment in the Student Financial Aids Office in June before starting to college and continued to work there for two years on a part-time basis while going to school. He stayed at home while going to college. After one and one-half years in the College of Engineering, he transferred to the College of Commerce where he majored in Accountancy.

Jerry also enjoys going on car rallys and exploring caves. He now has a job in the book binding department on campus (1973).

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JOHN DAVID WHITE (Elwanda Drennan White, Maxey Drennan, Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

JOHN (Johnny) WHITE, third son of Clarence E. and Elwanda Drennan White, was also born by Caesarian section at Burnham City Hospital, Champaign, Illinois. He was delivered by the same doctor who had delivered his twin brothers.

Johnny graduated from St. Joseph Consolidated Grade School in 1969, and from St. Joseph-Ogden High School in May 1973. In his junior year in high school he was initiated into the National Honor Society. He served on the student council his freshman year and as the Ag Club representative his senior year.

Johnny also joined the cub scouts when eight years old and he advanced from bobcat to life scount through Pack 40 and Post 40. At the present time (1973) he is serving as president of Post 40 and on the presidents' council in Arrowhead Council.

Johnny belonged to the Urbana Ag 4-H Club for seven years and he also played some in Little League baseball. In high school he took up the sport of wrestling in his freshman year and continued to wrestle for four years. In his junior year and senior year he also went out for cross-country running and track.

Johnny also enjoys car rallys and caving trips with his two older brothers.

Jimmy, Jerry and Johnny all worked together on their God and Country Award under Rev. Frank Phifer in the Mayview United Methodist Church and as far as is known they are the only ones from St. Joseph Troop and Post 40 to ever earn this award.

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LARRY RICHARD WHITE (Elwanda Drennan White, Maxey Drennan, Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

LARRY WHITE, fourth son of Clarence E. and Elwanda Drennan White, was delivered by Caesarian section at Burnham City Hospital, Champaign, Illinois, on September 19, 1959.

At the time of this writing, he has graduated from the eighth grade from St. Joseph Consolidated Grade School and is looking forward to going to St. Joseph-Ogden High School in September (1973).

Larry also joined Cub Scout Pack 40 at the age of eight and today (1973) has reached the rank of star scout in Troop 40. He is working on his God and Country Award. He was in the Urbana Ag 4-H Club for only one year. He also played in Little League baseball.

Larry played the clarinet in the grade school band for four years and in July 1972 he went to summer music camp at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.

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MARY JANE DRENNAN

(Maxey Drennan, Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

MARY JANE DRENNAN, fourth child of Maxey and Erma Overmyer Drennan, was born March 6, 1924, in the family home in Etna, Illinois. She graduated from Etna Grade School in 1939, and from Neoga High School in 1943. After graduating from high school, she worked for awhile in the garment factory in Neoga.

On February 5, 1946, she was married to Louis Harvey Krietemeyer at Morganfield, Kentucky, by Rev. Gilbert Robertson, a Methodist minister. (Louis H. Krietemeyer was born June 10, 1925, at Armstrong, Indiana, a son of August and Mamie Goodwin Krietemeyer. He moved as a teenager with his parents to Etna, Illinois, in January 1940, where he graduated from grade school. His dad was the railroad section foreman at Etna and Louie followed in his dad's footsteps at working for the Illinois Central Railroad. He started working for the railroad in 1941 at the age of 16 and has been working there ever since. However, the section hands from Etna were consolidated with the Mattoon gang and he commutes to Mattoon to go to work.)

Louis H. and Mary Jane Drennan Krietemeyer are the parents of the following children:

DONALD LOUIS KRIETEMEYER, born December 13, 1946, in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois

LINDA JOAN KRIETEMEYER, born June 30, 1951, in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois

SHIRLEY ANN KRIETEMEYER, born October 15, 1953, in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois

SANDRA JANE KRIETEMEYER, born January 29, 1962, in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois

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DONALD LOUIS KRIETEMEYER (Mary Jane Drennan Krietemeyer, Maxey Drennan, Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

DONALD (Don) KRIETEMEYER, first child of Louis and Mary Jane Drennan Krietemeyer, was born in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois, on December 13, 1946. He grew up in Etna and was the third generation of the Drennan family to attend the Etna Grade School. The grade school had been changed from an eight year school to a six year school, so he went to Neoga where the seventh and eighth grades were taught in the high school building at this time.

Donnie was in Cub Scouts for awhile when he was in grade school.

Don graduated from Neoga High School in 1964 and soon after that started working for Consolidated Telephone Company in Mattoon, where he is still working today (1973).

Donald Louis Krietemeyer married Elizabeth (Betty) Jean Elson on February 28, 1966, at Corinth, Mississippi. (Betty Elson was adopted by William D. and Evelyn Scott Elson. Betty was born February 20, 1948.)

Don and Betty Elson Krietemeyer are now the parents of the following children:

Amy Lynn Krietemeyer, born September 24, 1966, at Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois

Donald William Krietemeyer, born June 28, 1971, in the family car on the way to Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois

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LINDA JOAN KRIETEMEYER - (Mary Jane Drennan Krietemeyer, Maxey Drennan, Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

LINDA JOAN KRIETEMEYER, second child of Louis and Mary Jane Drennan Krietemeyer, was born June 30, 1951, at Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois. She had polio when she was sixteen months old. She started to grade school at Etna, but before she graduated, the doors of the Etna Grade School were closed and the children from Etna were transported to Neoga Grade School by bus. She graduated from Neoga Grade School and then from Neoga High School in 1969.

After graduation she worked in a garment factory in Mattoon until her marriage at 7:00 P.M., October 13, 1970, to Jack Lee Dobbs. They were married in a double-ring ceremony in the Grace United Methodist Church in Neoga by Rev. Robert Holmes, with Shirley Krietemeyer as maid of honor and Harold Dobbs as best man. (Jack Lee Dobbs was born July 20, 1950, a son of Chester and Minnie Kingery Dobbs, at Mattoon, Illinois.)

Jack was serving in the Army at the time they were married. He was stationed for awhile at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Linda went there to be with him. He was discharged from the service and they came back to Mattoon to live. Linda is presently working at the telephone company as a switchboard operator. (1973)

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SHIRLEY ANN KRIETEMEYER (Mary Jane Drennan Krietemeyer, Maxey Drennan, Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

SHIRLEY ANN KRIETEMEYER, third child of Louis and Mary Jane Drennan Krietemeyer, was born October 15, 1953, at Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois. She graduated from Neoga Grade School and then from Neoga High School in 1971, and on October 22, 1971, she was married to Billy Joe Browning in the Etna United Methodist Church, by Rev. Robert Holmes at 8:00P.M., with a double-ring ceremony. Melba Potter of Neoga was maid of honor and Loran Owens of Mattoon was best man. (Billy Joe Browning was born September 13, 1951, a son of Vernon and Doris Dobbs Browning of Mattoon.)

Bill and Shirley made their first home in a cabin at Paradise Lake, south of Mattoon. Later they moved into Etna in the house her grandparents, Maxey and Erma Drennan, lived in 1921-23, and where her aunt, Elwanda Drennan White, was born.

Bill and Shirley are in the process of buying the old Illinois Section Foreman's House in the north end of Etna at the time of this writing (1973). Her grandparents, August and Mamie Krietemeyer, purchased this house from the railroad. Mr. and Mrs. August Krietemeyer are both dead now, and the children are settling the estate.

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SANDRA JANE KRIETEMEYER (Mary Jane Drennan Krietemeyer, Maxey Drennan, Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

SANDRA JANE KRIETEMEYER, fourth child of Louis and Mary Jane Drennan Krietemeyer, was born January 29, 1962, at Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois. At the time of this writing (1973) she is a grade school pupil at Neoga Grade School.

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RUTH AILEEN DRENNAN

(Maxey A. Drennan, Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

RUTH AILEEN DRENNAN, fifth child of Maxey and Erma Overmyer Drennan, was born at home (one mile south of Etna) on June 9, 1931. She graduated from Etna Grade School in 1945, and from Neoga High School in 1949. In September of that year she entered nurses training at Burnham City Hospital School of Nursing, Champaign, Illinois, and received her R.N. (registered nurse) degree in 1952. After she finished her nurses training, she continued to work at Burnham City Hospital until November 1953.

On November 8, 1953, she married Glenn Earl (Bud) Cole in the Etna Methodist Church, with Rev. Roscoe Goen, a cousin of her mother's, officiating. Elwanda Drennan White was matron of honor and Clarence E. White was best man. (Glenn Earl "Bud" Cole was born October 26, 1931, at Bethany, Illinois, a son of Olaf and Florence Turner Cole. They had moved to Etna when Bud was small and he graduated from the Etna Grade School.)

Bud and Ruth Drennan Cole are the parents of the following children:

MELINDA SUE COLE, born December 14, 1954, in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois

BETTY AILEEN COLE, born March 2, 1956, in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois

CINDA JANE COLE, born May 25, 1957, in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois

MAXEY GLENN COLE, born June 16, 1959, in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois

TERRY LEE COLE, born March 16, 1962, in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois

DANIEL JOSEPH COLE, born December 29, 1968, in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois

BRIAN EARL COLE, born March 30, 1971, in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois

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MELINDA SUE COLE, first child of Glenn Earl (Bud) and Ruth Drennan Cole, was born on December 14, 1954, in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois. She attended Mattoon Grade and High Schools, and graduated from high school in 1973. Melinda has been an honor student throughout her school years. Melinda was a member of American Field Service her junior year in high school, and is a member of the science club in high school. She is also a member of the Bible Baptist Church and its youth group.

Melinda also belonged to the 4-H Club when she was younger, and her mother was her leader. She is working part-time (1973) at the Wilderness Inn restaurant south of Mattoon while finishing her high school work.

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BETTY AILEEN COLE, second child of Bud and Ruth Drennan Cole, was born March 2, 1956, at Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois. She was born one day before the forty-first wedding anniversary of her grandparents, Maxey and Erma Overmyer Drennan. A small clipping from the Neoga News, dated March 17, 1956, reads as follows: "Maxey Drennan returned from the Illinois Central Hospital in Chicago last Saturday night, where he had a serious stomach operation. While he was there his son, Robert, had a minor operation on his neck, in the Mattoon hospital, and his daughter, Ruth, had a baby daughter at the Mattoon hospital. The baby has been named Betty Aileen."

Betty attended grade school and high school in Mattoon and will be a senior there in September 1973. She is an honor student. She belonged to the 4-H Club with her mother as leader. She early developed a love for cooking and sewing and often would go to her Grandmother Drennan's home and bake cookies for her. She makes most of her own clothes and made some for her Aunt Edith, too.

Betty learned to swim and has been a swimming teacher at Lytle Park Pool in Mattoon the past few summers. She is presently working part-time at the Wilderness Inn restaurant south of Mattoon while still going to school. She is busy all of the time.

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CINDA JANE COLE, third child of Ruth Drennan and Bud Cole, was born May 25, 1957, at Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois. She attended a Mattoon Grade School and is ready to begin her junior year in Mattoon High School this (1973) September. Cindy was also a member of the 4-H Club with her mother as leader. Cindy often does baby sitting for a neighbor boy as well as helping baby sit for her younger brothers. She is also an honor student. She has also served as a swimming instructor for younger children at Lytle Park Pool in Mattoon.

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MAXEY GLENN COLE, was born June 16, 1959, at Mattoon Memorial Hospital. He was the first son, but the fourth child born to Bud and Ruth Drennan Cole. He was named Maxey for his Grandfather, Maxey Drennan, and Glenn for his father, Glenn Earl Cole, and Grandfather Olaf Glenn Cole. Maxey has played in Little League baseball in Mattoon with his uncle, Robert Drennan, as coach. Maxey is ready to enter high school in Mattoon this fall (Sept. 1973).

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TERRY LEE COLE, second son and fifth child of Bud and Ruth Drennan Cole, was born March 11, 1962, in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois. He is presently (1973) attending grade school in Mattoon and enjoying the usual boy sports, namely: baseball, fishing and swimming.

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DANIEL JOSEPH COLE, third son and sixth child of Bud and Ruth Drennan Cole, was born December 19, 1968, in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois. At the time of this writing (1973) he is only four years old and not yet in school. Danny was named Daniel for his great uncle, Daniel Jackson Drenna

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BRIAN EARL COLE, fourth son and seventh child of Bud and Ruth Drennan Cole, was born March 30, 1971, in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois. At the time of this writing, he is only two years old (1973). Brian was named Earl for his Dad and his great Granddad Turner.

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PEARL EVA DRENNAN

(Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

PEARL DRENNAN, a daughter of J. Edward and Sarah Isabel Drennan, was born May 13, 1895, near Rantoul, Illinois. She moved with her family to near Casey, Illinois, and then to a farm one mile south of Etna, Illinois. She attended the Etna Grade School.

On March 16, 1915, she married Frank Raymond Overmyer at the Neoga Methodist parsonage, with Rev. William Landiss officiating. Their attendants were her brother and his sister, Mr. and Mrs.Maxey Drennan, who themselves were married only a few days earlier.

Frank and Pearl Drennan Overmyer made their home in Mattoon from 1921 to 1934, where he worked for the Illinois Central Railroad. In 1934 they moved to Pesotum, Illinois, where he continued as a section foreman for the railroad until he retired. After retirement, they purchased a home in Neoga, Illinois, where they are living at this time (1973).

They have enjoyed many trips since retiring--to Texas to visit a married daughter; to California to visit her brother and his wife; to Michigan, Wisconsin, Kentucky, and other places to visit relatives or just to sight-see.

Frank and Pearl Drennan Overmyer celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary with an open house from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. at the American Legion Hall in Neoga, Illinois. At that time the couple had two sons, Lloyd, of Mattoon, and James, of Urbana; two daughters, Mrs. Walter (Ruby) Heldman, of Mattoon; and Mrs. Paul (Pat) Cook, of Nederland, Texas; 15 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Their children all attended the celebration.

Frank and Pearl Drennan Overmyer are the parents of the following children:

RUBY MARGARET OVERMYER, born February 17, 1916, at home

JAMES EDWARD OVERMYER, born October 17, 1918, at home

LLOYD RAYMOND OVERMYER, born September 24, 1924, at home

PATRICIA FAYE OVERMYER, born August 30, 1938, in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois

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RUBY MARGARET OVERMYER

(Pearl Drennan Overmyer, Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

RUBY MARGARET OVERMYER, first child of Frank and Pearl Drennan Overmyer, was born February 17, 1916, in Mattoon. She attended both grade school and high school in Mattoon, but dropped out of high school her senior year to marry Walter Arthur Heldman. They were united in Marriage in Terre Haute, Indiana, on Thursday, November 9, 1933, by Justice of the Peace Thomas Smith. Their attendants were Mr.and Mrs. James Spurlin, step-father and mother of Walter A. Heldman.

Walter and Ruby Overmyer Heldman are the parents of two children:

JACK EUGENE HELDMAN, born July 6, 1934, in Mattoon, Illinois.

BETTY JOAN HELDMAN, born February 11, 1938, in Mattoon, Illinois.

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JACK EUGENE HELDMAN, only son of Walter and Ruby Overmyer Heldman, was born July 6, 1934, in Mattoon, Illinois. Jack married Carol Lynne Cook on June 25, 1954, and at the time of this writing they are living in Mattoon, Illinois, and are the parents of four sons:

Timothy Eugene Heldman, born September 27, 1957

Jeffrey Lee Heldman, born May 10, 1959

John Eugene Heldman, born January 21, 1965

James Edward Heldman, born December 15, 1970, in Mattoon, Illinois.

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BETTY JOAN HELDMAN, only daughter of Walter and Ruby Overmyer Heldman, was born February 11, 1938, in Mattoon, Illinois. On February 25, 1956, Betty married Gary Duane Belcher. Gary has been a career service man and has served overseas in Germany and Japan and in Alaska, and Betty has been able to be with him in some of his overseas assignments.

Gary and Betty Heldman Belcher are the parents of the following children:

Gary Duane Belcher, born March 19, 1957, in Germany

Gregory Dean Belcher, born June 14, 1960

Deborah Marie Belcher, born June 22, 1962.

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JAMES EDWARD OVERMYER

(Pearl Drennan Overmyer, Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

JAMES EDWARD OVERMYER, first son of Frank and Pearl Drennan Overmyer, was born October 17, 1918, in Mattoon, Illinois. After graduating from high school, Jim married Geraldine Christman of Pesotum, Illinois. Jim served in the Army during World War II. Jim and Gerry Christman Overmyer were the parents of one son:

JOEL EDWARD OVERMYER, born January 13, 1944, in Mattoon, Illinois

After Jim returned to civilian life, after the end of World War II, he and Gerry were divorced.

Jim Overmyer married Lois Hoffman Snearly on July 17, 1952 (Lois Hoffman Snearly had two daughters by a previous marriages: Celinda Paxmino, and Cynthia Snearly).

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JOEL EDWARD OVERMYER, only son of James and Geraldine Christman Overmyer, was born on January 13, 1944. Joe graduated from Champaign High School, Champaign, Illinois. On August 14, 1965, he married Catherine (Cathy) Drake in Champaign. Joe and Cathy are the parents of the following children:

Tammara Sue Overmyer, born February 5, 1968, in Champaign, Illinois

Joel Edward Overmyer, Jr., born November 30, 1966, in Champaign, Illinois

James Paul Overmyer, born December 15, 1971, in Champaign, Illinois

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LLOYD RAYMOND OVERMYER

(Pearl Drennan Overmyer, Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

LLOYD OVERMYER, second son but third child of Frank and Pearl Drennan Overmyer, was born September 22,1924, in Mattoon, Illinois. As a child he moved with his parents to Pesotum, Illinois, where he grew to manhood. Lloyd served in the Army during World War II, part of the time overseas.

Lloyd married Ruth Ann Tempel of Pesotum on November 28, 1942. Lloyd had attended the Methodist Church as a child, but Ruth was of the Catholic faith and Lloyd joined the Catholic Church. Lloyd and Ruth Tempel Overmyer live in Mattoon and Lloyd works for the Mattoon Journal-Gazette. They are the parents of the following children:

DONALD LEE OVERMYER, born February 28, 1944

ROBERT JOE OVERMYER, born September , 1946

DENNIS RAY OVERMYER, born September 23, 1948

BEVERLY ANN OVERMYER, born November 10, 1950

BRENDA SUE OVERMYER, born June 29, 1956

MARK OVERMYER, born July 11, 1957 in Mattoon, Ill.

TOM LEO OVERMYER, born September 21, 1958 in Mattoon, Illinois

RICHARD OVERMYER, born September 5, 1959 in Mattoon, Illinois

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DONALD LEE OVERMYER, first child of Lloyd and Ruth Tempel Overmyer, was born February 28, 1944. He graduated from Mattoon High School and attended the University of Illinois for awhile and graduated from DePaw University with a degree in electronics. On November 11, 1967 he was married to Karen Johnson.

Donald and Karen Johnson Overmyer are the parents of the following children:

RUTH ANN OVERMYER, born August 10, 1968

LAURA LOUISE OVERMYER, born December 1, 1970

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ROBERT JOE OVERMYER, second child of Lloyd and Ruth Tempel Overmyer, was born September , 1946. He grew to manhood in Mattoon, Ill. He was in college when he felt the call to serve his country in the Viet Nam war so he quit school and joined the Marines. He was sent to Viet Nam where he was killed July 4, 1967. His body was returned to Mattoon, Ill. where he is buried. He was buried with full military honors.

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DENNIS RAY OVERMYER, third child of Lloyd and Ruth Tempel Overmyer, was born September 23, 1948 in Mattoon, Ill. where he graduated form high school in 1966. He attended Wabash Junior College at Mt. Carmel and Lake Land College at Mattoon before serving with the army. He was sent to Viet Nam. On August 25, 1969, Dennis married Nancy Ellen Borror at Honolula, Hawaii. (Nancy Ellen Borror is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Borror of Mattoon. She graduated from Mattoon High School in 1967.) They were married in the Ft. DeRussy Post Chapel. Dennis was on leave from serving with the armed forces at Cam Ranh Bay in Viet Nam.

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PATRICIA FAYE OVERMYER

(Pearl Drennan Overmyer, Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

PATRICIA (Patty or Pat) OVERMYER, youngest child of Frank and Pearl Drennan Overmyer, was born August 30, 1938, in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois. She grew up in Pesotum, Illinois, where her father was the Illinois Central Railroad section foreman. He retired before Pat was through high school, so she graduated from Neoga High School. After graduation Pat went to Cincinnati, Ohio, to work.

Pat Overmyer married Paul Cook on August 24, 1958. They lived for awhile in Texas, where their two children were born. At the present time (1973) they are living in Wappinger's Falls, New York.

The children of Paul and Pat Overmyer Cook are:

FAYE PATRICIA COOK, born April 25, 1960

ANDREW PAUL COOK, born April 8, 1962.

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ELDA ALLEN DRENNAN

(Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

ELDA DRENNAN was born November 5, 1896, west of Rantoul, Illinois. As a small boy he moved with his parents, J. Edward and Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, to a farm near Casey, Illinois, and then to a farm one mile south of Etna, Illinois. He attended the one-room Etna Grade School and graduated from the eighth grade.

Elda ran away from home at the age of 18 and went to Iowa. He was going to his Uncle Dick Drennan, but his money ran out before he got there, so he got a job on a farm in Iowa.

Elda joined the Army during World War I. His unit had been trained and were waiting to be sent overseas when the war ended. He was a member of Company C, 209th Engineers, Camp Sheridan, Alabama; and was in the service from July 1918 to February 1919.

Elda was married to Anna Leoma Lockhart on September 18, 1919, at the home of her mother near Etna, by Rev. O. C. Barker of Clarksburg, Ill., pastor of the United Brethren (U.B.) Church at Zion. (Leoma was a daughter of James and Amanda Coen Lockhart; she was born November 22, 1895, near Sexson Corner in Shelby County, Illinois. She died in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois, on July 8, 1967, and is buried in the Neoga Cemetery, Neoga, Ill.)

Elda and Leoma Lockhart Drennan lived in Neoga, Ill., where Elda worked as a section hand on the Illinois Central Railroad for 34½ years before he was forced to retire because of a bad back. Elda belonged to the Neoga American Legion Post and Leoma to the Legion Auxillary. They were both active in the Methodist Church where he was Sunday School superintendent for several years.

Elda and Leoma Lockhart Drennan were the parents of the following children:

RUTH IRENE DRENNAN, born February 5, 1921, at Neoga, Illinois.

WILLIAM ALLEN DRENNAN, born February 9, 1922, at Neoga, Illinois

CLYDE EUGENE DRENNAN, born March 6, 1926, at Neoga, Illinois

DORIS JEAN DRENNAN, born August 28, 1929, at Neoga, Illinois

All the children were delivered at home by the family doctor. They all graduated from the Neoga Grade School and all attended Neoga Township High School, but only the boys graduated from high school.

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RUTH IRENE DRENNAN

(Elda Allen Drennan, Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

RUTH IRENE DRENNAN was born February 5, 1921, the first child of Elda and Leoma Lockhart Drennan. She was born with a double handicap--she was born very near-sighted and totally color blind, which is very unusual for a female as usually only males are color blind and then only to certain colors. So far we do not know of any ancestors who were color blind or so near-sighted as to be classified as being blind. Irene does have some sight and is able to read by means of corrective glasses and by holding what she reads very close to her eyes. She has a very good memory and managed to keep up with her class all through school until her senior year in high school. She did not graduate from high school.

Irene worked in the garment factory at Neoga for several years, before quitting and doing housework for others. Finally, her eye doctor had her apply for the state blind pension. But, since she was still young and had had typing in high school, the state decided to send her to school to learn to be a secretary or office worker. She went to school at Summers' College of Commerce at East St. Louis, Illinois, and after finishing her training she secured employment in the state office in Springfield. After working there for 2½ years, she applied for and got a job at the Peoria State Hospital as a switchboard operator. She began working for the state in January 1954.

Irene grew up going to the Methodist Church in Neoga, but after becoming an adult she changed to the Christian Church in Neoga. She is a charter member of the Bartonville Christian Church, Bartonville, Illinois (a suburb of Peoria). She helped to establish this congregation in March 1959, and still attends church there regularly to date (1973). Also, Irene learned to bowl and joined a blind bowling team.

Irene is the mother of one son:

RICHARD EARL DRENNAN, born May 23, 1940, in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois

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RICHARD EARL DRENNAN was born May 23, 1940, at Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois, by Caesarian section. He is the son of Irene Drennan. He grew up in Neoga and graduated from Neoga Grade and High Schools. After graduatinn, he joined the United States Navy and served for a few years.

Dick married Lois Mefford on June 16, 1959, at Carlyle, Illinois. (Lois was born January 14, 1945, a daughter of Arthur and Pauline Mefford). Dick and Lois Mefford Drennan have lived in the Neoga area all their married lives. Dick learned to be a bricklayer and works for himself mostly, plus some other contractors.

Dick and Lois Mefford Drennan are the parents of the following children:

Colleen Opal Drennan, stillborn April 20, 1962

Bruce Earl Drennan, born June 24, 1963

Patricia Ann Drennan, born May 13, 1965

Michael Allen Drennan, born July 30, 1966

Sue Ann Drennan, born November 18, 1968

Brenda Ilene Drennan, born February 21, 1972

All of these children were born at Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois, except Brenda Ilene, who was born at Shelby Memorial Hospital, Shelbyville, Illinois.

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WILLIAM ALLEN DRENNAN

(Elda Drennan, Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

WILLIAM (Bill) DRENNAN was born February 9, 1922, at Neoga, Illinois, the second child of Elda and Leoma Lockhart Drennan. He grew to manhood in Neoga and graduated from high school there in 1940. That fall he started to school at Millikin University at Decatur, Illinois. He received a B.S. degree in engineering from there in 1948.

During World War II Bill answered the call to service and he served in the Army from October 1942 to September 1945. He took his basic training at Augusta, Georgia. He served overseas in North Africa, on the island of Sicily, and in Italy with the U.S. Army Air Corps.

Bill returned home from service and completed college at Millikin. On November 14, 1948, he married Rowena Mary Elson. They were married in the Methodist Church in Neoga by Rev. Paul Caton, with Mack Daughtery as best man and Phyllis Ralston Young as maid of honor. (Rowena was born July 16, 1925, near Neoga, Ill., a daughter of Edmund and Mabel Thompson Elson. She graduated from Neoga Township High School in 1943.) Rowena was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Neoga and Bill was a member of the Methodist Church. He transferred his membership to the Presbyterian Church in Monticello, Illinois, where they are now living (1973). Bill also is a member of Fraternal Lodge No. 58 AF & AM (Masonic Lodge) at Monticello.

Immediately after their wedding, Bill and Rowens went to Beaumont, Texas, where Bill was employed as a field engineer for Brown-Lane Transit Mix Co. While in Texas they also lived at Placios for awhile and then back to Beaumont before leaving there to relocate in Illinois in 1951. They lived in Decatur, Illinois, for about 9 months and Bill worked for Standard Oil Co. February 1952, Bill was employed by General Telephone Company and he stayed with them for 16 years. He worked in a managerial capacity for the phone company. During those years they lived at Loda, Paxton, Herrin, Monticello, Mt. Carmel, Olney, Mt. Carmel (second time), Marion, and Bloomington, all in Illinois. Bill quit the telephone company and worked as office coordinator for Americana Nursing Center in Monticello for 1½ years, re-joined the telephone company in Indiana for a short time, but quit them again before he got his family moved from Monticello. Since January 1970 he has worked as a servicing agent for New York Life Insurance and has his own office in his home.

Bill and Rowena Elson Drennan are the parents of two daughters:

MARSHA LOUISE DRENNAN, born October 22, 1950, at Beaumont, Texas

ERIN KAYE DRENNAN, born March 29, 1957, at Mt. Carmel, Illinois.

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MARSHA LOUISE DRENNAN was born October 22, 1950, at Beaumont, Texas, the first child of Bill and Rowena Elson Drennan. She attended schools in many towns as her parents moved from place to place. She graduated from the eighth grade in Marion, Illinois, and from high school in Bloomington, Illinois. From there she went to Eastern Illinois University at Charleston, where she received a B.S. in Education (majoring in mathematics) in February 1972. She prepared to be a math teacher and did her student teaching at Monticello High School. After graduation from college she secured employment at Bloomington Federal Savings and Loan Association in Bloomington and did not go into teaching.

Marsha married Robert Dale Hinthorn at 4:00 p.m. on June 18, 1972, at the First Presbyterian Church of Monticello. The Rev. Robert A. Bielenberg and the Rev. M. L. Shreffler performed the ceremony. (Robert Dale Hinthorn was born December 12, 1947, at Towanda, Ill., a son of Dale and Mary Powell Hinthorn of near Gibson City, Ill.) The maid of honor at their wedding was Sandra Zimmerman and the best man was Gary Hinthron. Marsha and Robert Dale Hinthorn are making their home in Bloomington, Illinois.

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ERIN KAYE DRENNAN, was born March 29, 1956, at Mt. Carmel, Ill., the second child of Bill and Rowena Elson Drennan. She attended school in the various towns she lived in after reaching school age. She graduated from Monticello Grade School. Erin plays the piano well; and was a 4-H member for 5 years. In 1971 the doctor found she had a curvature of the spine, so for one and one-half years she had to wear a brace to correct this problem.

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CLYDE EUGENE DRENNAN

(Elda Drennan, Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

CLYDE EUGENE DRENNAN was born March 6, 1926, at Neoga, Illinois, the third child of Elda and Leoma Lockhart Drennan. He grew to manhood in Neoga where he graduated from high school in 1944. He enlisted in the United States Navy during World War II and took his basic training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois; and served on the U.S.S. L.C.S. #95.

After the war Clyde returned to Neoga. He worked at Hulmans in Mattoon for awhile. He also attended classes for one year at Millikin University at Decatur, Ill.

Clyde married Betty Jean White, on July 4, 1948. Clyde and Betty were married in their own home by Rev. Paul Caton with Wilbur and Doris Jean Drennan Cameron as their attendants and with just their immediate families present. (Betty Jean White was born on July 7, 1929, on the same farm near Neoga where her mother-in-law, Leoma Lockhart Drennan, was born. Leoma was born in the old house and Betty was born in it after the house was remodeled. The two front rooms of the house were left, though, so they were actually born in the same room!)

Clyde was employed by the Cumberland County National Bank in Neoga on May 1, 1948. When he was 36 years old, he was the youngest bank president at thattime in the State of Illinois. (Since then there has been at least one other man who has become a bank president at age 36 in the southern part of the state.)

Clyde likes to bowl and go deer hunting. He also enjoys the lot he owns on Lake Mattoon, just north of Neoga, and the boating and fishing that goes with it.

Clyde has been active in the Neoga Chamber of Commerce, Neoga Industries, Firemen, and Methodist Men. He was elected president of the Lake Land Junior College Foundation in 1972-73 and he worked on Area 7 Hospital fund raising campaign in 1972.

Clyde and Betty White Drennan have the following children:

JANET LEE DRENNAN, born April 25, 1951

LAURA ANN DRENNAN, born January 6, 1954

DONALD ALLEN DRENNAN, born October 1, 1957

All of the children were born in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois. Betty says that Clyde has been an excellent husband and father--she feels very fortunate!

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JANET LEE DRENNAN, first child of Clyde and Betty White Drennan, was born April 25, 1951, in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois. She grew up in Neoga where she attended both grade school and high school. While in high school she was quite active--Tomahawk (yearbook) editor, Student Council and G.A.A. and music. She accompanied the choruses for 6 years (2 years in junior high), played first clarinet for 5 years and was a student director for 3 years. She also played processional and recessionals at graduation for 4 years. She also served as the Junior Choir Church pianist.

Janet was valedictorian of her high school class in 1969. She received scholarships to go to school at Eastern Illinois University at Charleston, where she completed her 4 years course in three years by going summers, too. She lacked .29 of a point of graduating with honors from college.

While in high school, Janet accompanied the musicals, "Bye, Bye, Birdie," "Music Man" and "Oklahoma." She also was a Miss Neoga Day contestant; was the Stage Band pianist, won the John Philip Sousa Award her senior year, and in Junior High won the American Legion God and Country Award. Janet worked one summer at the bank and was also active in Methodist Youth Fellowship.

After graduating from college in June 1972, Janet began her teaching career that fall at Kansas, Illinois, where she teaches band in grades 5-12 and chorus in grades 9-12.

On June 22, 1973, at 5:30 P.M, Janet was married to Gary Anthony Schutte in St. Michaels Church in Siegel, with Rev. Cornelius Horn performing the double-ring ceremony. (Mrs. Tony Schutte of Route 1, Sigel, is Gary's mother.) Gary is a 1973 graduate of Eastern Illinois University, and plans to teach at Maine East High School in Park Ridge; and the couple are residing in Charleston, Illinois (1973).

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LAURA ANN DRENNAN, second child of Clyde and Betty White Drennan, was born by Casearian section on January 6, 1954, at Matoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois. From age 2 to 4 years she was hospitalized repeatedly. A trip to Childrens Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri, diagnosed her as an asthmatic via a series of allergy tests. By use of a control drug and eliminating some allergens she now leads an active normal life.

Laura grew up in Neoga and graduated from high school in 1972 as valedictorian of her class. A winner of the Coles-Moultrie Youth to Washington Essay Contest, she won a trip to Washington, D.C.

Laura also had musical talent and in the fall of 1971 she competed and was named a member of All-State Band and played in a concert in Peoria for Illinois Musical Education Association in January 1972. She was chosen to go on the European Concert month tour with the American Youth Band and Chorus. She played bass clarinet in the band and also plays the piano to accompany choruses. She also worked on the Messenger (school paper) and Tomahawk (school yearbook) for 3 years and was a member of the Girls Athletic Association (GAA) for 4 years. She was also a Miss Neoga Day Contestant. She was named an Illinois State Scholar.

Laura worked one summer in the bank for her Dad. At the present time (1973) Laura is attending Lake Land Junior College south of Mattoon where she is majoring in business.

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DONALD ALLEN DRENNAN, only son of Clyde and Betty White Drennan, was born October 1, 1957, by normal birth at Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois. He has lived all his life so far in Neoga where he presently (1973) is attending high school. He was a manager of the fresh-sophomore basketball team his freshman and sophomore years. He plays a baritone in the band and sings in the chorus (he had a small singing role in "Bye, Bye, Birdie" and loved it). He is active in Boy Scout Troop 89 and has attained the rank of First Class Scout.

In the summer of 1972 he was awarded a Red Cross Jr. Life Saving Certificate and assisted with Neoga swimming lessons at Lytle Park in Mattoon. He also likes to hunt, fish, and play baseball, badminton and tennis. Allen is a participator, not a leader, but a good citizen.

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DORIS JEAN DRENNAN

(Elda Drennan, Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

DORIS JEAN DRENNAN, youngest child of Elda and Leoma Lockhart Drennan, was born at home on August 28, 1929. She was born with poor vision and is also color blind. She graduated from grade school and attended high school until she quit to marry Wilbur Cameron on July 27, 1946, at Toledo, Illinois. (Wilbur Cameron was born on April 3, 1925, in Shelby County, Ill., a son of Edward and Nora Quicksell Cameron of Neoga, Ill.) Doris Jean and Wilbur were married in the Court House and their attendants were her mother, Mrs. Elda Drennan, and a cousin, Mrs. Nathan Stewart.

Doris Jean and Wilbur Cameron are the parents of five children:

CAROL DIANE CAMERON, born December 24, 1947, at home in Neoga, Ill.

MARY RUTH CAMERON, born April 30, 1949, at home in Neoga, Ill.

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GARY EUGENE CAMERON, born October 14, 1955, in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Ill.

SCOTT ALLEN CAMERON, born July 10, 1963, in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Ill.

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CAROL DIANE CAMERON, first child of Doris Jean and Wilbur Cameron, was born at home on December 24, 1947. She grew up in Neoga and graduated from Neoga High School. On July 31, 1965, she was married to Roger Lee McClain at Toledo, Illinois, by Rev. Charles Seeley. (Roger Lee McClain was born July 26, 1946, at Toledo, Ill., a son of Orval and Sara Neil McClain.)

Diane Cameron McClain and Roger Lee McClain have the following children:

Andrea Lee McClain, born July 10, 1966

William Wilbur Mark McClain, born September 16, 1968

Jerry Jason McClain, born October 30, 1972

All of these children were born at the Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois.

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MARY RUTH CAMERON, second child of Doris Jean and Wilbur Cameron, was born at home on April 30, 1949, and she grew up in Neoga. She graduated from high school. On June 24, 1967, she was married to Marion Douglas Tabbert at Neoga, Ill., by Rev. Roger Wagner. (Marion Douglas Tabbert was born on September 17, 1946, at Effingham, Ill.,in the Effingham Hospital, a son of Clayton and Leonore Tabbert of Neoga.)

Mary Ruth went to Maryland with her husband who was serving in the U. S. Navy. Their first child was born in Maryland. They are now back in Neoga (1973.)

Marion and Mary Ruth Tabbert are the parents of the following children:

Marion Douglas Tabbert, Jr., born April 7, 1969, at Hagerstown, Maryland

Tynia Jo Tabbert, born January 25, 1971, at Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Ill.

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DAVID LEON CAMERON, first son of Doris Jean Drennan Cameron and Wilbur Cameron, was born February 17, 1952, at home in Neoga where he grew to manhood. He graduated from high school in 1970. On November 8, 1971, he was married to Vickie Lynn Thomas at Toledo, Ill., by Judge Watson. (Vickie Lynn was born on March 9, 1954, at Rosehill, Ill., a daughter of Victor and Reah Thomas of Neoga, Ill.)

David and Vickie Lynn Cameron are the parents of:

Shawna Lynn Cameron, born April 29, 1972, in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Ill.

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GARY EUGENE CAMERON, second son of Doris Jean Drennan Cameron and Wilbur Cameron, was their first child to be born in a hospital. Gary was born on October 14, 1955, in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Ill. He has lived all of his life in Neoga, where he is now attending high school. (1973)

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SCOTT ALLEN CAMERON, third son of Doris Jean Drennan Cameron and Wilbur Cameron, was born July 10, 1963, in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, Mattoon, Illinois. He lives with his parents in Neoga where he is a student in grade school at the present time (1973).

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FAYE VIOLET DRENNAN

(Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

FAYE DRENNAN, youngest daughter of J. Edward and Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, was born October 28, 1901, near Etna, Illinois. She had infantile paralysis when about five years old. This left her badly crippled and deformed. One side of her body was smaller than the other side. As an adult she wore high top shoes (one shoe had to have a specially built up sole) and she wore steel braces that were attached to her shoes and extended to her hips. She also used crutches to walk. She was a cheerful, intelligent person and the family and neighbors all loved her.

Faye joined the Christian Church in Etna, but after it was struck by lightning and burned down and never rebuilt, she was faithful in attending the Methodist Church until her death. She attended the Etna Grade School as a child and learned to play the organ. She learned to crochet and tat and do other handiwork and sold handmade items to some customers in Chicago. Faye was left-handed.

After the death of her mother in 1928, Faye continued to live with her father and her brother, Dan. She did the cooking, cleaning, ironing and mending, but had a neighbor who did the laundry for her.

Faye died November 16, 1946, and is buried by her parents in Zion Hill Cemetery south of Mattoon, Illinois, near Paradise Lake. She was never married.

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DANIEL JACKSON DRENNAN

(Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

DANIEL DRENNAN, youngest child of J. Edward and Sarah Isabel Evans Drennan, was born August 5, 1908, near Etna, Illinois. He grew up on the farm and attended the Etna Grade School. He was the only one in the family to go on to high school. He graduated from Mattoon High School and from Utterback's Business College in Mattoon, Illinois.

He continued to live with his father and sister, Faye, until Uncle Sam called him into the service during World War II.

On April 26, 1943, he married Lydia Wunder, a girl he had graduated from high school with and had dated for several years. After he was discharged from the Army, they settled in Modesto, California, where Dan got a job as a mailman. They came to Illinois many times to visit relatives and old friends. In April 1968, they were in Neoga to celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary with open house in the Neoga American Legion Hall.

Dan died very unexpectedly of a heart attack on June 6, 1971, and is buried in Modesto, California. Dan and Lydia Wunder Drennan had no children.

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CHARLES ALBERT EVANS

(Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

CHARLES ALBERT EVANS, the tenth child of Daniel and Isabel Engle Evans, was born April 16, 1869, in Champaign County, Illinois.

On June 29, 1899, he married Anna E. Rawlins, at Mansfield, Illinois. He had one son, Kenneth Rex Evans, born August 25, 1916. Dr. Charles Evans died July 7, 1936.

The following write-ups from the Bluffs Times, furnish us with his life history:

FUNERAL FOR DR. C. A. EVANS
HELD 2 P.M. THIS AFTERNOON

Death came to Dr. C. A. Evans at his home here late Sunday afternoon after a long illness which forced him to retire from active medical practice more than a year ago.

He took an active interest in the civic affairs of Bluffs, and served one term as President of the Village Board. He also served as alderman and was street commissioner for three years. He served on the board of education of the local schools and in earlier years was active in the organization of the Scott County Medical Association.

He loved his home. He loved the companionship of his wife and his son. During the long years of his wife's illness his predominating thought was for her welfare and happiness. Her death March 22, 1919, was a great shock.

Truly, his life was spent in services to his family and to this community. He had the honesty of his convictions and no one ever doughted his integrity. He was a member of the fraternal order of Odd Fellows and the Masonic Lodge. At an early age he joined the United Brethern church and since coming to Bluffs has been a regular contributor to the Methodist Episcopal church fund.

Funeral services were conducted from his late residence this afternoon (Wednesday) at 2 o'clock P.M. with Rev. S. Nelles Madden officiating. Services at

the grave were in charge of the Bluffs Lodge No. 846 A.F. & A.M. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

During the hour of the funeral all business houses were closed.

Dr. Charles A. Evans, son of Daniel and Isabel Evans, was born April 16, 1869, at Dewey, Illinois, and departed this life July 5, 1936, at the age of 67 years 2 months and 19 days.

He was educated in the public schools of Champaign county and in early boyhood he became interested in medicine. The son of a farmer with a family of twelve children, the course was not easy. He taught in the grade school for one term and secured funds to enter the Medical College in Indiana.

Following his graduation from the Medical College of Indiana with the class of 1896 he practiced his profession at Mansfield for five years. June 29, 1899, he was united in marriage with Anna E. Rawlings, and to this union one child was born.

He came to Bluffs in 1901 and bought the practice of Dr. John and Dr. George Walker. Their office was located at that time in what is now the Ashley residence.

Dr. Evans first purchased the house now occupied by Miss Margaret Brockhouse. He lived there only a few years and purchased the James Hale house where he resided at the time of his death.

Surviving relatives are his son Rex, and three brothers, S. H. Evans of Shelbyville, W. F. Evans of Rantoul, and J. H. Evans of Dewey.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, George, Howard, John Wesley. The oldest brother died in infancy. Four sisters, Mollie Campbell, Lydia Drennan, Sally Drennan, and Idona Yankie also preceded him in death.

Card of thanks appeared one week later signed by Rex Evans and Minnie Rebbe (his housekeeper).

NOTE from Bluffs Editor (1970): "There are many accounts concerning Dr. and his wife in our papers after his arrival in 1901.....Dr. Evans was a well loved physician in this area and some of the old timers remember him well...I am sure you could find many interesting articles on the Doctor and wife here."

KENNETH REX EVANS

(Charles A. Evans, Daniel Evans, David Ebans, Caleb Evans)

KENNETH REX EVANS, only son of Charles A. and Anna E. Rawlins Evans, was born August 25, 1916, at Bluffs, Ill.

Rex Evans married Mary Crabill, January 27, 1937, and they are the parents of the following children:

JILL ANNA EVANS, born May 13, 1944

TONA MAY EVANS, born July 23, 1948.

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NOTE: The only recent information we have on the above family is that Tona May Evans was married December 19, 1970, to William Cokendel.

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HENRY HOWARD EVANS

HENRY HOWARD EVANS (Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

HENRY HOWARD was the name given to the youngest son of Daniel and Isabelle Evans. He was born on February 17, 1871, at the farm home near Dewey. He was soon nicknamed "Hout" and for the rest of his life, he was Uncle Hout to relatives and Hout or H. H. to friends.

He grew to young manhood in the same community-going to country school and helping with the farm work. He dated several young women in the neighborhood and chose Minnie Allen to be his wife. They were married on October 25, 1893.

They lived on a rented farm, two miles west of Rantoul, Illinois, here he did some farming on his own, and some with his brother Dick and his father who lived near by. Four daughters were born to them there -- namely, Mae, Grace, Edna, and Fern.

In the Spring of 1900, they moved to their own farm west of Ludlow, Illinois. Valentine was the first child born here. Then the rest of the family -- Russell, Earl, Faye, Helen, and Wanda.

They bought more acres to add to the farm, and built four more rooms to the house, two downstairs and two upstairs. Later in life, they bought a farm in Ford County, two miles north of the home farm, and also bought two farms in Michigan.

He farmed with horses. Never owned a tractor. Had a herd of Jersey milk cows and sold butter and cream. Also had hogs and chickens. Sold eggs to the grocery store to help pay for food for the growing family, butchering time was a neighborhood affair, with four or six men helping. They had a special smoke house built to help cure the meat.

Hout was a busy farmer, but took time to be school director for a number of years, and also director of the Ludlow Elevator.

His health began to fail and in February 1928, they had a farm sale, and moved to the Tartus Allen property in Rantoul. This home was built in 1903, and the Allen family moved to it from the farm in January, 1904, and some of the family had lived there ever since. Hout and Minnie and family moved there on February 22, 1928.

At this time only Mae, Grace, Edna, and Russell were married. Hout's health kept failing, and he passed away on August 22, 1931. Funeral was at the Methodist Church in Rantoul, and burial in Maplewood Cemetery, north of town.

Minnie and children who were not married, continued to live in the home until her death on November 20, 1963. Funeral was at the Methodist Church, and burial at Maplewood Cemetery.

Hout and Minnie Evans were parents of the following children:

MAE EVANS, born April 5, 1894

GRACE EVANS, born April 13, 1895

EDNA EVANS, born November 9, 1896

FERN EVANS, born December 10, 1898

VALENTINE EVANS, born February 14, 1901

RUSSELL DANIEL EVANS, born September 5, 1903

EARL TARTUS EVANS, born December 28, 1904

FAYE EVANS, born June 11, 1907

HELEN EVANS, born September 12, 1912

WANDA EVANS, born January 27, 1920

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MAE EVANS, first child of HENRY HOWARD and Minnie Allen EVANS, was born April 5, 1894. She married Chester Lockhart, born January 30, 1894, a son of James and Amanda Coen Lockhart. He died March 28, 1962. They moved to Breckenridge, Michigan and lived on a farm until they retired.

Chester and Mae Evans Lockhart were the parents of three daughters:

LOIS MARIE LOCKHART, born October 13, 1922
Breckenridge, Mich.

IDA MAE LOCKHART, born December 9, 1924
Breckenridge, Mich.

BETH LOCKHART, born November 23, 1927
Breckenridge, Mich.

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LOIS MARIE LOCKHART, was born October 13, 1922, first child of Chester and MAE EVANS LOCKHART. She grew up near Breckenridge, Mich. where she attended grade school and high school. After high school, she went to business college in Saginaw, Mich. and worked as a secretary until her marriage on September 21, 1946 to John Judson Spenner, born May 25, 1912.

John and Lois Lockhart Spenner are the parents of the following children:

JAMES MICHAEL SPENNER, born November 28, 1947
Saginaw, Mich.

JOHN ALAN SPENNER, born August 1, 1950
Saginaw, Mich.

JANICE MARIE SPENNER, born December 3, 1954
Saginaw, Mich.

JEAN ELLEN SPENNER, born January 18, 1958
Saginaw, Mich.

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JAMES MICHAEL SPENNER, first child of John and Lois Lockhart Spenner, was born in Saginaw, Mich. where he grew up and graduated from high school. He went on to college and graduated and is presently working in Bay City, Mich.

Jim married Linda Ann Testor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Testor, on June 27, 1970 in Barnesville, Minnesota. They are the parents of the following child:

JENNIFER LYNNE SPENNER, born August 14, 1972

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JOHN ALAN SPENNER, (Jack) second child of John and Lois Lockhart Spenner, was born August 1, 1950. He grew up in Saginaw, Mich and attended grade school, high school, and Junior College there and then went to Kalamazoz, Mich. where he finished his college education, majoring in Anthropology.

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JANICE MARIE SPENNER, was born December 3, 1954, a daughter of John and Lois Lockhart Spenner. She grew up in Saginaw, Mich. and the Spring (1973) graduated from high school. She is working at the K-Mart Store.

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JEAN ELLEN SPENNER, was born January 18, 1958, a daughter of John and Lois Lockhart Spenner. She is presently still a high school student.

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IDA MAE LOCKHART, second daughter of Chester and MAE EVANS LOCKHART, was born December 9, 1924 near Breckenridge, Mich. She graduated from Breckenridge High School and went on to college to become a grade school teacher.

Ida Mae married William Meyer on June 4, 1947; he was born May 3, 1924. They became the parents of the following children:

TIMOTHY LEE MEYER, born April 1, 1948
Diamondale, Mich.

LAURA BETH MEYER, born December 22, 1949
Diamondale, Mich.

MARY LOU MEYER, born December 22, 1950
Diamondale, Mich.

WILLIAM EUGENE MEYER, born October 19, 1953
Diamondale, Mich.

KATHRYN ANN MEYER, born May 3, 1958
Diamondale, Mich.

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TIMOTHY LEE MEYER, first child of William and Ida Mae Lockhart Meyer, was born April 1, 1948. He graduated from high school and enlisted in the service and is still in the service today.

Tim married Julie Faye Hawkins on June 29, 1968 and she has moved from place to place with him. Their child is:

TAMARA LYNN MEYER, born April 17, 1970
Anchorage, Alaska

TANYA LEE MEYER, born Dec. 20, 1972

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LAURA BETH MEYER, a daughter of William and Ida Mae Lockhart Meyer, was born December 22, 1949. She married Rick (R. A.) Greiner on April 10, 1970.

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MARY LOU MEYER, a daughter of William and Ida Mae Lockhart Meyer, was born December 22, 1950. She married William G. Peck on September 6, 1969.

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KATHRYN ANN MEYER, youngest daughter of William and Ida Mae Lockhart Meyer was born May 3, 1958, at the time of this writing (1973) she is a high school student.

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BETH LOCKHART, youngest daughter of Chester and MAE EVANS LOCKHART, was born November 23, 1927 near Breckenridge, Mich. She went into nurses training at Saginaw General Hospital, Saginaw, Mich, after graduating from high school.

She married Mel Brin on September 2, 1950; he was born November 25, 1927. They adopted the following child:

BARBARA ANNE BRIN, born April 24, 1962

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GRACE EVANS, was second daughter of HENRY HOWARD and Minnie EVANS. She was born on the farm west of Rantoul, Illinois on April 13, 1895. At school age the family had moved to their farm west of Ludlow, Ill. She attended rural school known as Salem School. After finishing grade school, she attended Rantoul Township High School. Before graduating, Grace entered nurses training at Brokaw Hospital, Normal, Illinois.

After graduating there, she married Linder Hacker; born December 27, 1892, a student and teacher at Illinois State Normal School. They built a new home at 500 Normal Avenue, Normal, Illinois. Grace was busy with her duties as home-maker and only did nurse duty during the war years (World War I). After serving his years of duty, Linder continued teaching. They were divorced in September, 1941. Linder remaried and moved to Phoenix, Arizona. He passed away July 4, 1972.

Grace never remarried. They had no children. She continued to live in the home in Normal. For several years she worked in a Book Bindery in Normal, and then when it moved to south Bloomington, she was retirement age, so took her Social Security. At this writing (1973) she still lives in her home in Normal, Illinois, and is kept busy with house and yard work.

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EDNA EVANS, third daughter of HENRY HOWARD and Minnie Allen EVANS, was born on November 9, 1896, on the farm west of Rantoul, Illinois. At school age the family was living on the farm west of Ludlow, so she attended Salem School which was only half a mile from their home.

After graduating from eight grade, she helped with work at home and helped neighbors and friends with their housework. She married Ray Bocock (born March 9, 1898) in January 25, 1919. They lived on a farm a quarter mile from her parents. Here Randal was born. Soon after Charles, Phyllis, and Margaret were born.

Edna and Ray were kept busy making a home for their family. After her parents moved to Rantoul in February 1928, Edna and Ray and family moved to the home farm west of Ludlow. Here Harold Eugne and Darlene were born.

Ray's health began to fail and they sold their farm tools and livestock, in March 1938 and moved to Rantoul, Illinois. Here they lived in several different homes. Ray did some trucking. Edna had been in failing health for six years. She passed away on August 9, 1939 at an Urbana Hospital where she had been a patient for three weeks. She was buried at Maplewood Cemetery, Rantoul. (Ray married twice again. He passed away on July 28, 1962. He is buried at Maplewood Cemetery, Rantoul)

Ray and Edna Evans Bocock were parents of the following children:

RANDALL BOCOCK, born February 7, 1920

CHARLES BOCOCK, born March 18, 1922

PHYLLIS BOCOCK, born February 4, 1924

MARGARET BOCOCK, born November 18, 1925

EUGENE BOCOCK, born March 15, 1928

DARLENE BOCOCK, born May 20, 1935

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RANDAL HOWARD BOCOCK, first son of Ray and EDNA EVANS BOCOCK, was born February 7, 1920, on the farm west of Ludlow, Illinois. At school age the family was living on the Ford County farm, so he started to school in that county and finished in Champaign County at Salem School. He attended Rantoul Township High School. During his senior year on November 19, 1936, he and Marjorie Peer of Ludlow were married.

After graduation, they lived in Rantoul, and he worked at the Milk Plant. To this union, three sons were born:

JIMMIE RAY BOCOCK, born October 24, 1937
Rantoul, Illinois

RICHARD ALLEN BOCOCK, born January 12, 1940
Rantoul, Illinois

RANDAL DEAN BOCOCK, born January 3, 1941

Randal and Marjorie were divorced in 1943. She had custody of the boys part time and Randal did part time.

On May 5, 1943, Randal and Emma Ackerman were married. Randal continued working at the Milk Plant until he was inducted in the Army on June 20, 1944. In November of that year, he left for overseas duty in Austria, Germany, and France. Family stayed in Rantoul. He was wounded in action in Belgium in January 1945. Randal returned to the States on November 25, 1945 and soon after was discharged.

He and family moved to a farm southwest of Fisher in December 1947. After several years they left the Fisher area and moved to a farm near Emington, Illinois. In 1956 they bought a dairy farm in Wisconsin and moved there in January 1957. In the winter time Randal worked part time at a welding plant. Later he was promoted to office work, and in 1970 when the plant built in North Carolina, he was transferred there as office manager. And at this writing (1973) he is still living there.

Randal and Emma's children are:

LARRY HOWARD BOCOCK, born July 16, 1945
Rantoul, Illinois

SHIRLEY BOCOCK, born November 27, 1946
Rantoul, Illinois

JOHN SAMUEL BOCOCK, born November 29, 1948
near Fisher, Illinois

DORIS JEAN BOCOCK, born April 22, 1953
died April 2, 1954

DEBRA BOCOCK, born July 18, 1954
near Emington, Illinois

RITA BOCOCK, born August 26, 1957
Wisconsin

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JIMMIE RAY BOCOCK, first son of Randal and Marjorie Peer Bocock, was born October 24, 1937 in Rantoul, Illinois. He attended school there and after graduation from Rantoul Township High School, he joined the Navy. He served overseas in Japan for a year or more. After returning to the States, he was killed in an automobile accident in California on February 8, 1960. His body was brought back to Rantoul and burial made in Maplewood Cemetery.

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RICHARD ALLEN BOCOCK, Randal and Marjorie's second son, was born on January 12, 1940 in Rantoul, Illinois. He attended local schools where the family was living at the time. After graduating from Rantoul Township High School, he enlisted in the Army. He took part of his training in Colorado and then went overseas. He was there when his brother was killed, and received permission to come home. He did not return overseas and in a few months was discharged. Richard (Dick) worked in Chicago or suburb. He and Elinor Olund were married in 1961. They live in Oak Lawn, Illinois, and are busy working and enjoying their family.

Richard and Elinor Bocock are the parents of the following children:

JIMMIE RAY BOCOCK, born October 29, 1961

RANDAL ROBER BOCOCK, born January 28, 1963

SCOT RICHARD BOCOCK, born October 19, 1968

TRACY ROBIN BOCOCK, born October 14, 1969

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RANDAL DEAN BOCOCK, third son of Randal and Marjorie, was born January 3, 1941. After his parents divorced, he was adopted by his mother's aunt.

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LARRY HOWARD BOCOCK, first child of Randal and Emma Bocock, was born in Rantoul, Illinois, on July 16, 1945. He attended schools near Emington, after they moved to that community and high school after they moved to Wisconsin. After graduation, he enlisted in the Navy. After serving his time there, he was married to Sue Castner, on January 15, 1967. She had a son, John, by a previous marriage. They live in Wisconsin and he is an electrician.

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SHIRLEY BOCOCK, second child of Randal and Emma Bocock, was born in Rantoul, Illinois on November 27, 1946. She attended grade school at Emington, Illinois, and in Wisconsin. After graduating from high school, she worked a while in Chicago and also as an Airline Hostess. Shirley and Gary Dvojack were married on February 4, 1966, and divorced in 1970. Shirley then went to live in North Carolina near her folks. In 1972 she married Kenneth Frye, a pilot, and they live in North Carolina.

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JOHN SAMUEL BOCOCK, Randal and Emma's third child, was born on the farm southwest of Fisher on November 29, 1948. He was known as Sammy to friends and relatives here in Rantoul, but to teachers and pupils in Wisconsin, he was known as John. He helped with farm work after school hours and after graduating, he married Wendy Eslinger on July 29, 1967. They have three children and live in Wisconsin.

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DORIS JEAN BOCOCK, fourth child of Randal and Emma Bocock, was born on April 22, 1953 at Emington, Illinois and she died April 2, 1954. Buried at Emington, Illinois.

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DEBRA BOCOCK, fifth child of Randal and Emma Bocock, known as Debbie, was born July 18, 1954 on the farm near Emington, Illinois. She attended grade school in Wisconsin, and at this writing (1973) high school near Zebulon, North Carolina.

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RITA BOCOCK, youngest child of Randal and Emma Bocock, was born on August 26, 1957 in Wisconsin. She started to grade school there and is now in high school near Zebulon, North Carolina.

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CHARLES RAYMOND BOCOCK, second son of Ray and EDNA EVANS BOCOCK, was born on March 18, 1922, on the Ford County farm. When he was school age they lived on the farm west of Ludlow, so he attended Salem School. Then Rantoul Township High School. After graduation, he worked at various city and farm jobs. On January 27, 1941, he went to CCC Camp near Madison, Wisconsin. On April 23, 1942, he enlisted in the Navy at Great Lakes Training Center in Chicago. In November of that year, he left the States and later was stationed at Oahu, Hawaii.

In May 1943, Charles left Hawaii for the Southwest Pacific War area. He was home for a months leave in June 1944. After leave he returned to California and was stationed at the Navy Base in San Diego.

On April 5, 1945, Charles and Gale Berry were united in marriage. In November of that year he was discharged from the Navy. They continued to make their home in San Diego. In January 1956 Charles and Gale were divorced. They had no children.

On October 31, 1956, Charles and Mary Veath were married. She had two daughters by a former marriage. Charles adopted them. Then they had two more daughters. Charles worked for a wholesale grocery firm and still does. He is also an independent electrician and plumber.

Charles and Mary Veath Bocock are the parents of the following children:

LYNN BOCOCK, born December 16, 1952

EDNA LOUISE BOCOCK, born November 13, 1954

Both of thses girls have graduated from high school and are working.

VIRGINIA MAXINE BOCOCK, born March 16, 1957

MARY LOUISE BOCOCK, born March 13, 1959

The two younger girls are still in school.

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PHYLLIS BOCOCK, was the first daughter born to Ray and EDNA EVANS BOCOCK. She was born on the Ford County farm on February 4, 1927. At school age they were living in Champaign County west of Ludlow, so she attended Salem School. She then attended Rantoul Township High School and made a home for her younger brother and sister after their mother's death. After graduation, on July 1, 1941, she married Sgt. Theodore Cooper. He was then stationed at Chanute Aire Force Base. They lost their first child by a miscarriage. Their second child, a daughter, was born on March 10, 1943, at Mercy Hospital, Urbana, Illinois. Their son, Phillip Theodore was born November 11, 1944.

The family lived at several Bases in the States. Phyllis and children lived in Paxton, Illinois when she could not go to Bases with her husband. He was discharged from the service in October 1945. In July 1946, their second son was born prematurely. He did not live and is buried at Decatur, Ill. where they were then living. They lived in South Chicago for several years, and Ted was an insurance salesman. Then they bought a house and settled in Joliet, Illinois. They sold that in 1971 and moved to New Mexico, and Ted works as an inspector for the state.

Ted and Phyllis Bocock Cooper are parents of the following children:

DIANA COOPER, born March 10, 1943

PHILIP THEODORE COOPER, born November 11, 1944

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DIANA COOPER, was born on March 10, 1943, to Ted and Phyllis Bocock Cooper, while they were still living in Rantoul, but by school age her father had been discharged and the family lived elsewhere. After graduation from high school near Joliet, she enlisted in the service and served in nurses training for a year. On December 8, 1962 she married Tech Sgt. William Smith. He was stationed at White Sands Missle Base in southern New Mexico. He has been promoted to Master Sgt. and will soon be due to retirement. They have two children:

BRYAN SMITH, born July 27, 1964

TANYA EILEEN SMITH, born August 16, 1971

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PHILIP THEODORE COOPER, born to Ted and Phyllis Bocock Cooper on November 11, 1944. He had the usual grade and high school training. After graduation, he worked for the Illinois Bell Telephone Company until called in the service. He and Genny were married February 28, 1964. She was with him when he was stationed in California. Their oldest daughter, Michelle Marie was born there on April 5, 1965. After his discharge, he returned to Joliet, Illinois and resumed his work with the telephone company, and still works there. Their son Kevin Theodore Cooper was born October 1, 1967 and second daughter, Gina Lynn Cooper, on October 28, 1971. They are a busy and happy family.

Philip and Genny are the parents of the following children:

MICHELLE MARIE COOPER, born April 5, 1965

KEVIN THEODORE COOPER, born October 1, 1967

GINA LYNN COOPER, born October 28, 1971

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MARGARET BOCOCK, second daughter of Ray and EDNA EVANS BOCOCK, was born on the Ford County farm on November 18, 1925. After the family moved to the farm west of Ludlow, she started to grade school at Salem School and then continued it at grade school, Rantoul. When helping a neighbor woman with housework on August 3, 1939, she was lighting a laundry stove when it exploded. She was rushed to Mercy Hospital, Urbana, and was a patient there several weeks. She was left with severe burn scars, but has been able to lead a normal life.

On September 15, 1941, she and Kendal Young were married. They started out helping farmers with farm work. On July 28, 1942, their first daughter Shirley was stillborn. She was buried at Maplewood Cemetery, Rantoul. On July 7, 1943, their son Kenneth William was born. Kendal served in the Marines, both in the states and overseas. They continued to help farmers with their work and Kendal also worked at an elevator in Paxton. Their next three children were daughters, Mary Ethel, Edna Mae, and Linda Lou.

After moving to Joliet, Illinois, Kendal started working in an Auto Parts Plant in South Chicago. He is now foreman of a section. They are a close knit family with married children and grandchildren.

Kendal and Margaret Bocock Young are the parents of the following children:

KENNETH WILLIAM YOUNG, born July 7, 1943

MARY ETHEL YOUNG, born October 18, 1946

EDNA MAE YOUNG, born February 12, 1949

LINDA LOU YOUNG, born

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KENNETH WILLIAM YOUNG, born July 7, 1943, to Kendal and Margaret Bocock Young. He attended various grade schools and the Community High School near Joliet, Illinois. He served a short time in the Army, then was discharged because of ill health. On June 1, 1963, Kenneth and Elizabeth Jursinic were married. They have a son, Kenneth Wayne Young, born May 4, 1964, and twin daughters, Margaret Ann and Elizabeth Ann Young, born on August 15, 1966. They live in Joliet and are busy at home and work.

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MARY ETHEL YOUNG, was born to Kendal and Margaret Bocock Young, on October 18, 1946. She attended grade school near the farm where they lived and later in Joliet after family moved there. She also attended the Community High School near Joliet. She and David Alberico were married on October 4, 1963. They had three daughters, Roberta Alberico, born January 26, 1964; Denise Alberico, born January 3, 1965; and Crystal born October 18, 1966.

Mary Ethel and David Alberico were divorced in 1972. Mary Ethel and daughters live with her parents and she works at a factory.

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EDNA MAE YOUNG, was born to Kendal and Margaret Bocock Young, on February 12, 1949. Most of her grade school work was in the Joliet school and she graduated from the Community High School. After graduation she started working for Illinois Bell Telephone Company and still is. Edna Mae and Robert Gillian were married on March 30, 1968. They have one daughter, Shannan Marie Gillian, born November 3, 1968.

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LINDA LOU YOUNG, was the youngest daughter of Kendal and Margaret Bocock Young. She attended grade school and high school near Joliet. She worked at several small factories until the birth of her daughter, Joyce Lynn, June 1, 1970. She and Lawrence Tetrick were married May 3, 1971. They live in Joliet and Linda Lou is kept busy being a homemaker and mother.

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HAROLD EUGENE (Gene) BOCOCK, was the third son of Ray and EDNA EVANS. He was born March 15, 1928, after the family moved to the farm west of Ludlow, Illinois. He started grade school at Salem School and finished at Rantoul after the family moved there. After his mother's death, he partly made his home with his father and part time with his Aunt and Uncle, Valentine and Forrest Gehrt. He went with his father when he remarried and moved to Berrian Springs, Michigan, in October 1941.

In 1944, he came back to Illinois, and worked on the farm for his Aunt and Uncle, Valentine and Forrest Gehrt. On July 14, 1944, he had a tractor accident. It overturned in a ditch, in the field. Gene was badly burned and rushed to Mercy Hospital, Urbana. There, on August 5,1944, he had to have his left leg amputated above the knee. He was dismissed after twelve weeks in the hospital. He continued making his home with his Aunt and Uncle and later with his father after he moved back to Elliott, Illinois. On January 16, 1953, Gene and Betty Thomson were married in Gibson City, Illinois. They first made their home in Gibson City. Gene took a Barber's Course and after graduation worked in Paxton for his apprenticeship. Later he bought a barber shop there and continued until he was forced to quit because of ill health. His wife worked at the Savings and Loan Company in Gibson City and then at a bank in Paxton, and now at an abstract office in Champaign, Illinois. Gene had a heart attack and lung congestion in October 1972 and was a patient at Burnham City Hospital, Champaign, Ill., for a number of weeks. He has been a patient several times since. They live in Paxton and have no children.

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DARLENE BOCOCK, youngest daughter of Ray and EDNA EVANS BOCOCK, was born on May 20, 1935. She was only four years old when she lost her mother. She made her home part time with her Aunt and Uncle, Valentine and Forrest Gehrt, and rest of the time in Rantoul with her father, brothers and sisters. Her father took her with them when he moved to Berrien Springs, Michigan, in October 1941. She started grade school in Gifford, Illinois, and finished in Michigan. She attended high school in Gibson City, Illinois, after the family moved back to Elliott, Illinois.

After graduation she worked at various jobs in Elliott, and then came to Rantoul and worked in Van Laningham Dry Cleaning Plant. She had her own apartment. Darlene and Sgt. William O'Brien were married on April 12, 1958. He was stationed at Chanute Air Force Base then, but in a few months they were transferred to a base in souther California. There Patricia Maxine was born on November 19, 1958, and Michael on October 4, 1959.

Soon afterwards Sgt. O'Brien was transferred to the Phillippines. While waiting her "call" to join him, she and children lived with her husband's mother in Pennsylvania. They were stationed in the Islands for four years. Here their second son, Christopher, was born on November 10, 1962, and youngest daughter named Carol Ann on December 24, 1964. The following year they were transferred back to the States to a base in Amarillo, Texas. Darlene and family lived there when her husband served his year in Vietnam. Then they were sent to Great Falls, Montana. He retired in February 1973, and they are now living in Arizona.

William and Darlene Bocock O'Brien are the parents of the following children:

PATRICIA MAXINE O'BRIEN, born November 19, 1958

MICHAEL RAY O'BRIEN, born October 4, 1959

CHRISTOPHER O'BRIEN, born November 10, 1962

CAROL ANN O'BRIEN, born December 24, 1964

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FERN EVANS, the fourth child of HENRY HOWARD and Minnie Allen EVANS, was born December 10, 1898, on the farm west of Rantoul, Illinois. When nine months old she was very ill with spinal meningitis, later called infantile paralysis. It left her with the right leg smaller and weaker than the left. She wore a brace to the knee when attending grade school and later an elastic one. She attended grade school at Salem School one-half mile from their home west of Ludlow. Then she attended Rantoul High School.

After graduating in 1917, she wrote the State Teacher's Examination and passed. She taught her home rural school for two years, then she took a year's training at Illinois State Normal School and taught in third and fourth grades in Gifford, Illinois, and fourth, fifth and sixth grades in Penfield, Ill. She then went back to Normal and took another year's training; Graduating in 1924. She then taught one year in Pawnee, Illinois, and fourteen years in Rantoul Grade School (third grade). She retired in June 1940.

After retiring, she lived with her mother. By this time the rest of the family were married and in homes of their own. Fern and her mother took several trips to visit family members in Biloxi, Mississippi, and those in Indiana and Michigan. After her mother's death in 1963, Fern bought the home in Rantoul, Illinois, from the other heirs and continues to make her home there (1973).

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VALENTINE EVANS was the fifth daughter born to HENRY HOWARD and Minnie EVANS. She was so named because she was born on Valentine's Day, February 14, 1901. She was soon nicknamed Tiny, Tine and Val. She attended Salem School during the grades; also attended and graduated from Rantoul High School in 1919. She took the State Teacher's examination and won her rural school teacher's certificate. Her first school was Webber School east of Ludlow, Illinois.

Then she attended Normal State University for two years. She then taught at Herscher High School for two years; went back to Normal to finish her schooling for her degree in Home Economics.

She taught in Alton Schools until she was married to Forrest L. Gehrt (born March 30, 1904) on February 13, 1938. They made their home on their Aunt's farm east of Rantoul, Illinois, until they bought that farm after their Aunt's death. Valentine and Forrest celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary in February 1963, at their farm home with open house.

Valentine and Forrest had no children, but helped care for her nephew, Eugene Bocock, and her niece, Darlene Bocock, after their mother's death. Valentine became ill in July 1964 and was a semi-invalid the rest of her life. She passed away suddenly on July 22, 1971. She is buried at Maplewood Cemetery north of Rantoul, Illinois. Her husband still lives on the farm. (1973).

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RUSSELL DANIEL EVANS was the sixth child and first son born to HENRY HOWARD and Minnie EVANS on September 5, 1903, on the farm west of Ludlow, Illinois. He was at crawling age when they were building the new addition to the house, so had to be watched very carefully. He attended grade school at Salem School and one year of high school at Ludlow, Illinois, then transferred to Rantoul and graduated from there. He rode horseback or drove horse and buggy every day to school, even to Rantoul.

After graduation he worked for awhile with his father on the farm, then went to Chicago, Illinois, and was employed at the Post Office there. He attended night school and also by correspondence courses, he won his degree from Northwestern University. He still worked in different departments at the Post Office and was still working there when death came on August 18, 1949.

Russell and Margaret Chapman (born September 21, 1906) were married on September 18, 1929. They moved from Chicago to their own home in Villa Park, Illinois. They had two children.

After Russell's death, Margaret married Phillip Leasure. He passed away on July 6, 1965. Margaret still lives in the home in Villa Park, Illinois (1973)

Russell and Margaret's children:

RUSSELL DANIEL EVANS, JR., born September 10, 1934

HONORE (NANCY) ANN EVANS, born September 10, 1937

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RUSSELL DANIEL EVANS, JR., son of RUSSELL and Margaret EVANS, was born September 10, 1934. He attended grade school in Villa Park and then other education in a Catholic School near by. After his father's death, he finished high school at Elmhurst, Illinois. He was in the Service and took basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He left September 1969 for overseas duty in Formosa. He worked in office of highly classified material. He served more than his two years. After he returned home, he attended College for awhile, then to a special IBM school. After graduating from that he worked for a bank in Chicago, and now is in business for himself. He has never married and lives in an apartment in Chicago (1973).

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NANCY ANN EVANS, the only daughter of RUSSELL and Margaret EVANS, was born September 10, 1937. She was born in Villa Park, Illinois; attended grade school there, and high school at Elmhurst, Illinois. She entered nurse's training at St. Lukes Hospital in Chicago, Illinois, and, after graduation, worked there until her marriage to Donald Wick on March 22, 1958.

Nancy and Don moved to Pamona, California, and Don was an officer in a bank. They now (1973) live in Riverside, California. Don is head of a department in the bank there and they are a busy, happy family.

Nancy and Don have three adopted children, taking each when only a few weeks old:

GARY WICK, born in 1963

BARRY WICK, born in 1965

STACY ANN WICK, born in 1968

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EARL TARTUS EVANS, second son and seventh child of HENRY HOWARD and Minnie EVANS, was born December 28, 1904, on the farm west of Ludlow, Illinois. He attended grade school at Salem School, and then Rantoul Township High School, driving there from the farm with horse and buggy. He missed his graduation exercises because he was a patient in Brokaw Hospital, Normal, Illinois, after an appendicitis operation.

After he regained his health, he worked on the farm with his father. Then after the farm sale he went to Chicago to work. He returned in 1930 to help his mother care for his father and assume some of the home responsibilities. He also became manager of the Texaco Gas Station, then located across from the Methodist Church in Rantoul, Illinois.

Earl and Iva Elizabeth Cottle (born December 5, 1911) were married on July 22, 1933. They continued to live in Rantoul, and he still managed the Texaco Gas Station. They bought a home on North Penfield Street in Rantoul; and here their first son was born; and their second son.

In 1938 they sold their business in Rantoul, also their home on North Penfield, and moved to a farm southwest of Penfield, Illinois. They lived there until the winter of 1942, when they sold the farm and moved to West Center Street, Paxton, Illinois. Earl worked in a civilian job at Chanute Air Force Base. While living in Paxton, their third son was born.

In April 1946, they decided to go back to the farm, so bought one near Ellis, Illinois. They lived there for eight years, then sold that farm and bought one southeast of Roberts, Illinois, moving there in March 1954. They continue living there and spend most of the winter at their new home in Cherokee Village near Hardy, Arkansas (1973)

Earl and Iva Evans are the parents of the following children:

HOWARD CLEAVE EVANS, born July 3, 1935

JON JOSEPH EVANS, born June 4, 1938

ALLAN ROBERT EVANS, born August 10, 1943

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HOWARD CLEAVE EVANS, the first son of EARL and Iva EVANS, was born July 3, 1935, in Rantoul, Illinois. He took his grade school work in Penfield, Illinois, Paxton, and Ellis schools; and high school work at Armstrong, Ill. He was very interested in scouting and won many honors. After moving to Roberts, Ill., he helped his father on the farm for a year, then on March 15, 1955, he enlisted in the Air Corps. He took his basic training at Sampson Air Force Base in New York. After finishing these courses and a furlough at home, he reported to Lowry Air Force Base, near Denver, Colorado, to photographic section. He won several promotions in rank. In February 1955, he was transferred to Smoky Hill AFB at Salina, Kansas. Here Howard and his Roberts girl friend, Mary Ellen Jacobs, were married on May 3, 1956. In October of that year, Howard was sent to England for three months duty. His wife, Mary Ellen, stayed in Salina, Kansas, and worked.

After returning from England, he continued training at the base in Salina, Kansas. Soon they were transferred to the Air Base near Colorado Springs, Colorado, then several years later, back to Lowry AFB, winning promotions in rank every few years.

In February 1962, Howard was sent to South Vietnam for a year's duty. The family continued to live at Lowry Air Force Base. Howard was sent to the country of Turkey for two months on December 1, 1968; and on August 29, 1971, he was transferred to Alconbury RAF Station in England. His family joined him there in October 1971. They live off base, but the children attend school on base. At this writing (1973) they are still in England.

Howard and Mary Ellen are the parents of the following children:

JEFFRY DANIEL EVANS, born April 14, 1957, at Salina, Kansas

JANELLE RENE EVANS, born September 2, 1958, at Salina, Kansas

JOY EVANS, born December 13, 1959, in Kanaas

JILL TERESA EVANS, born July 25, 1964, at Mt. Clemens, Michigan

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JON JOSEPH EVANS, second son of EARL and Iva EVANS, was born in Rantoul, Illinois, on June 4, 1938. He started grade school when the family was living in Paxton, Illinois, and finished at Ellis Grade School. He first attended the Armstrong High School, and finished at Roberts-Thawville High School with honors. After graduation he worked awhile for his father on the farm and also at a factory in Hoopeston for a short time. Then he was employed at the State Bank in Roberts for a number of years. Jon and Danna Vernone Veatch (born March 2, 1944) were married on September 1, 1963, at the Methodist Church in Roberts. After a wedding trip they lived in the Smith Apartments in Roberts.

After Jon resigned from the Bank, they moved to Ohio and he worked for a short time for a glass company. When they moved back to Illinois Jon was employed at the Bank of Illinois in Champaign, Illinois. They sold their home in Roberts and bought one in St. Joseph, Illinois, where the family now lives (1973).

JON and Danna are the parents of the following children:

SCOTT JOSEPH EVANS, born July 22, 1964

PAUL VERNON EVANS, born March 21, 1968

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ALLAN ROBERT EVANS, third son of EARL and Iva EVANS, was born in Paxton, Illinois, on August 10, 1943. He was very young when the family moved to the farm near Ellis, Illinois. Allan started to Grade School at Ellis and completed grade work at Thawville Grade School; and high school at Roberts-Thawville. He graduated with high honors. Then Allan attended the University of Illinois and was on the Dean's list of Honors each semester. He graduated with second high honors in the class. The next year he went to Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, to work on his Masters Degree. He won that and also a PhD degree. Allan and Barbara Lynn Goodwin (born September 15, 1947) were married in California on September 7, 1969. On their way back to New York, they stopped at his parent's in Roberts and there was a reception for them at the Methodist Church.

After winning both degrees, they moved back to Irvine, California, and Allan was an instructor in Physics at the College there. In July and August of 1971, they spent touring England and various countries of Europe. This was partly due to his work in College and sightseeing. In 1972 Allan resigned his teaching job and accepted one with General Motors in Detroit. His wife stayed on at Irvine, California, College until she finished her degree. She received her BA in 1973 and moved to join Allan at Sterling Heights, Michigan.

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FAYE VIOLET EVANS, the sixth daughter and eighth child of HENRY HOWARD and Minnie Evans, was born on the farm west of Ludlow, Illinois, on June 11, 1907. She attended Salem Grade School and Rantoul Township High School. After graduation, she helped her mother at home and her Grandmother Allen in Rantoul, Illinois. After the family moved to Rantoul, Faye worked at Hulett's Department Store and later in the alerations department of Miller's Dry Cleaning Plant.

Faye and Sgt. Lewis Williams (born March 10, 1897) were married on July 30, 1930, in Rantoul, Illinois. He was then Assistant Instructor in Mechanics Department at Chanute Air Force Base. They lived in Rantoul until they were transferred to Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Mississippi, in August 1941. They bought their own home there in Biloxi. Lewis (Bill) retired as a Master Sergeant in 1952. He continued working at the Base as a civilian until he had a blood clot in his heart in May 1953. He was hospitalized for eight weeks. He is now at their home, but he has to live a restricted life of work and social activities. Faye and Bill had no children; and they continue to live at Biloxi, Miss. (1973)

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HELEN MARIE EVANS, was the seventh daughter born to HENRY HOWARD and Minnie EVANS. She was born on September 12, 1912 on the farm west of Ludlow, Illinois. She attended grade school at Salem School and high school at Rantoul Township High School. She started nurses training at Brokaw Hospital, Normal, but resigned when she and Leroy Strouse, a student of the Air Corp Technical Training School at Chanute Air Force Base were married. Wedding took place at the Post Chapel on the Base.

They lived with Helen's parents for three weeks, then were transferred to Mitchell Base on Long Island, New York. Here their son, Donald Lee Strouse and daughter, Betty Marie Strouse, were born. They also operated a dry cleaning plant at Westbury, Long Island.

Helen and Leroy were divorced in November, 1948. The children went to live with their father and new step-mother in Bermuda, as Leroy had been assigned there for duty. Helen sent to School of Nursing in the Bronx, New York, and graduated with license of Practical Nurse. She married E. T. Carpenter on December 22, 1950. They worked in several hospitals on Long Island and in Connecticut. They were divorced in 1952.

In 1953 she joined her daughter, Betty Strouse, and family in southern Flordia. After helping her daughter care for a new son and other little ones, she again took up nursing in various hospitals and nursing homes.

Helen and Joseph Franchina were married on October 9, 1954. She continued working as a Licensed Practical Nurse and he as a nurse on private duty. Helen had several serious illnesses, but after each, she resumed her nursing. Her husband retired because of poor health but Helen is still nursing in a Nursing Home in Miami, Florida, so they continue making their home in sotheast Miami (1973).

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DONALD LEE STROUSE, son of Leroy and HELEN MARIE EVANS STROUSE, was born on September 11, 1931, when they were living on Long Island. He attended Local schools, and went to live in Bermuda with his father and step-mother after his parents' divorce. On November 1, 1949, Donald enlisted in the U. S. Air Corp and was sent to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, for basic training. After graduation from that, he was married to Helen Ernest in Florida on February 4, 1951. To this union four children were born, namely--Ricky Lee Strouse, Teresa Strouse, James Strouse, and Janet Louise Strouse

Donald served at several Bases in the States, and in England, Crete, Phillipines, and Vietnam. His family were with him at the first three overseas Bases. Donald and Helen Strouse were divorced in Texas. She and children went back to live near her parents in northern Florida.

Donald Strouse remarried while at the Base in Texas. His wife, Foye and daughter Jennifer, joined him in the Phillipines. Here their second daughter, Donna Lee Strouse, was born. After the tour of duty in the Islanda, Donald was sent to Air Base in Abilene, Texas. When Donald was sent to Vietnam for his year of duty, his wife and daughters stayed in Abilene and she worked on the Base. On returning to the States, Donald was sent to a Base in southern Nevada until his retirement after twenty years of service and also for poor health. The family still lives in Abilene, Texas, and Donald has a civilian job that requires a lot of travel.

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RICKY LEE STROUSE, son of Donald and Helen Ernest Strouse, was born in England on November 5, 1952. After his parents' divorce he lived in Florida with his mother. He attended their local grade and high school. He and Nancy were married on May , 1970. Their son Richard Patrick Strouse was born on January 28, 1972. They still live in Florida (1973).

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TERESA DARLENE STROUSE, daughter of Donald and Helen Ernest Strouse, was born on September 10, 1955 when they were at a Base in Florida. Teresa lived with her mother until 1972 when she joined her father in Texas. Teresa and Gary Naumann were married in July 1972. She continued her high school classes and graduated in May 1973. They live in Abilene, Texas.

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JAMES HOWARD STROUSE, second son of Donald and Helen Ernest Strouse, was born on September 17, 1958 near Tampa, Florida. He lives with his mother in Florida.

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JANET LOUISE STROUSE, fourth child of Donald and Helen Ernest Strouse, was born on January 20, 1960 near Tampa, Florida. She lives with her mother in Florida.

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JENNIFER STROUSE, a daughter of Donald and Foye Strouse, was born in 1962 in Texas. She is still living with her parents in Abilene, Texas.

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DONNA LEE STROUSE, second daughter of Donald and Foye Strouse, was born in 1964 in the Phillipines.

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BETTY MARIE STROUSE, daughter of Leroy and HELEN EVANS STROUSE, was born on January 5, 1933, on Long Island. She attended local schools there. Betty and Tommy Toomey were married on January 5, 1949. Betty went to Bermuda to live with her father and stepmother.

Betty and Tommy Toomey's children were Dennis Lee Toomey, born June 11, 1949. He later was adopted by his grandfather, Leroy Strouse. Kenneth Roy Toomey, second son of Betty and Tommy Toomey, was born September 22, 1950. Betty and children came back to the States after her mother graduated from nurses training. Betty and Tommy were divorced in 1952. Betty and Tommy Toomey's third son, Michael Dean Toomey, was born June 22, 1952. Betty and children went to live in Florida.

In Florida Betty married Dean Paul Sims on January 5, 1953. To this union Wesley Lee Sims was born on September 8, 1953; Kelly John Sims on July 24, 1956. Betty and Paul Sims still live in Florida near Homestead. Paul works for the Union Telegraph Company.

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KENNETH ROY TOOMEY, son of Tommy and Betty Strouse Toomey, was born September 22, 1950. He attended local grade and high school. After graduation, he joined the Army. He took his basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, then overseas duty in Germany and Vietnam. After his tour of duty in Vietnam, he came home on leave and then reported to a base in Kentucky. He was one of the lucky ones to receive and early discharge. He returned to Florida and worked with his former company on flood control, then joined the workers of Western Union and serves in various cities in Florida, but still lives with his mother and stepfather near Homestead.

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MICHAEL DEAN TOOMEY, son of Tommy and Betty Strouse Toomey, was born June 22, 1952. He attended local schools and high school. After graduation he worked for Southern Bell Telephone Company. On May 12, 1972 he and Debbie Pickens were married. He joined the Army and took his basic training at a Base in Kentucky. At this writing (1973) he is stationed at a Base in South Carolina. He and his wife live in a trailer near the Base.

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WESLEY LEE SIMS, first child of Paul and Betty Strouse Sims, was born September 8, 1953. He attended local grade and high school and one year of Junior College in Miami, Florida. He now lives at home and works for Southern Bell Telephone Company. (1973)

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KELLY JOHN SIMS, second child of Paul and Betty Strouse Sims, was born July 24, 1956. He is still a student in high school. He works of a morning and attends classes in the afternoons. Lives with his parents near Homestead, Florida.

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WANDA BELLE EVANS, the youngest and eighth daughter of HENRY HOWARD and Minnie EVANS, was born on January 27, 1920, on the farm west of Ludlow, Illinois. She started grade school at her home rural school, Salem School. She was in the third grade when the family moved to Rantoul, Illinois. She graduated with highest honors from the eighth grade and second high from Rantoul Township High School. After graduation she attended and graduated from Illinois Commerical College in Champaign, Illinois. Wanda worked as a bookkeeper in the office of Montgomery Ward Company, Urbana, until her marriage to Howard T. Bonner (born October 3, 1916) on March 12, 1939 in Anderson, Indiana.

They made their first home in Anderson, Indiana where Howard was working. In July 1946, Wanda and Howard moved to Pasadena, California, and Howard attended Pasadena Junior College, and graduated. Before completing his work for a degree at U.C.L.A., he went into business of his own, called Bonner Specialities. He made electronic parts for Model Airplanes. They now have moved to their present home in Los Angeles, California.

They adopted a five weeks old boy whose date of birth was November 27, 1954. They named him Gary Howard Bonner. They continued a busy home and business life until Howard retired in 1970 and sold his business. They continue making their home in Los Angeles, California (1973).

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GARY HOWARD BONNER, adopted son of Howard and WANDA EVANS BONNER, attended Nursery School in the community, then went to grade school at a Military Academy, until Junior High School. Fary then attended Public School for both Junior and Senior High School. He is now (1973) in his second year of City College in Santa Monica. He works at various jobs during the summer and on days when classes are not in session. Gary likes "surfing" and goes whenever possible. He spent several weeks in December 1972 in Hawaii, but at this writing is back in College and working part-time.

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CARY IDONA (Dona) EVANS

(Daniel Evans, David Evans, Caleb Evans)

CARY IDONA (Dona) EVANS, twelfth and last child of Daniel and Isabel Engle Evans, was born July 10, 1874, in Champaign County, Illinois. On September 1, 1895, she married John Yankie (born December 14, 1867, at Breckenridge, Mich.) Dona Evans died _____; and John Yankie died October 4, 1954.

Dona and John Yankie were parents of the following children:

FRANCES YANKIE, born September 30, 1895

EDGAR YANKIE, born November 21, 1898

EVA YANKIE, born February 12,1900

ETHEL YANKIE, born April 9, 1903

CHARLES YANKIE, born January 16, 1906

RUTH YANKIE, born June 16, 1908

ALICE YANKIE, born November 16, 1910

ESTHER YANKIE, born November 22, 1913.

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FRANCES YANKIE, born September 30, 1895, was married to Roscoe Prather on July 3, 1917; Frances died December 5, 1964; and Roscoe died February 1, 1948. They had the following daughter:

FLORENCE JEAN PRATHER, born September 18, 1929. Florence Jean married William Fugenschuh on February 12, 1949 (William was born April 18, 1926). They were the parents of the following children:

Deborah Jean Fugenschuh, born May 18, 1951

William Jon Fugenschuh, born Sept. 28, 1953

David Joseph Fugenschuh, born April 10, 1959

Frances Joanne Fugenschuh, born Nov. 22, 1961

Elizabeth Jane Fugenschuh, born Nov. 22, 1961

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EDGAR YANKIE, born November 21, 1898, was married to Margaret Shaver on September 19, 1937. Edgar died April 16, 1965; and Margaret died October 1, 1926. They had the following children:

EDGAR YANKIE, JR., born December 31, 1921. Edgar married Pearl Yourgensen in March 1945; and they have the following children:

Brian J. Yankie, born May 1, 1954

ROBERT YANKIE, born October 29, 1923, second son of Edgar Yankie; was married to Donna Hillock on October 26, 1942. They have the following children:

Terrance Lane Yankie, born April 17, 1943

Glenda Louise Yankie, born June 16, 1946

Jon Randall Yankie, born June 27, 1948; is married to Janice Harrington.

GERALD WAYNE YANKIE, third child of Edgar Yankie, was born November 27, 1938; was married to Linda Ann Marciniak on July 30, 1960.

EDGAR YANKIE was married a second time to Helen Gehgel and they had one daughter:

KAREN YANKIE, born April 13, 194___

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EVA YANKIE, third child of Dona and John Yankie, was born February 12, 1900. On August 27, 1919, she married Leslie A. Schurr (born April 17,1901); they have the following children:

DONALD SCHURR, born October 13, 1921; who married Verna Western (born May 24, 1923) on September 20, 1944; and they have the following children:

Laurann Schurr, born Aug. 25, 1947

Donald Charles Schurr, born May 28, 1952

Alan Dwight Schurr, born Dec. 4, 1954

KENNETH SCHURR, second child of Eva and Lesie Schurr, was born February 27, 1925. On November 20, 1950, he married Arlene Babinski; and they have the following children:

Constance Lee Schurr, born Sept. 23, 1950

Daniel Allen Schurr, born Nov. 25, 1952

Ronald Kenneth Schurr, born June 10, 1958

Michael Jay Schurr, born Feb. 13, 1968

LESLIE SCHURR, JR., third child of Eva and Leslie Schurr, was born May 21, 1927. On December 31, 1949, he married Marilyn Gallagher (born May 30, 1929). They have the following children:

Jay Scott Schurr, born June 27, 1950

Thomas Lee Schurr, born Oct. 25, 1952

Robert Carl Schurr, born May 11, 1955

Linda Kay Schurr, born Nov. 23, 1953;
died Nov. 26, 1953

PHILIP K. SCHURR, fourth child of Eva and Leslie Schurr, was born April 28, 1935.

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ETHEL YANKIE, fourth child of Dona and John Yankie, was born April 9, 1903. On November 15, 1920, she married George E. Alward (born January 4, 1901). They have the following children:

RICHARD ALWARD, born Jan. 9, 1930; and he married Arbutus Frederick on July 19, 1952. They have the following son:

Timothy Russell Alward, born June 20, 1955

PHYLLIS ALWARD, second child of Ethel and George Alward, was born March 30, 1922. On September 19, 1942, she married Glen Petit (Born July 18, 1921). They have the following children:

Terry Lynn Petit, born Feb. 6, 1947

Prudence Ruth Petit, born Jan. 3, 1948

Bruce Bowman Petit, born June 13, 1951

SHIRLEY ALWARD, third child of Ethel and George Alward, was born January 8, 1925. She married James Johnston (Born Jan. 4, 1922) on January 6, 1944; and they have the following children:

Douglas Alward Johnston, born Jan. 20, 1948

Cheryl Dawn Johnston, born July 14, 1946; is married to Richard Lau, on Dec. 31, 1966

Rhonda Anne Johnston, born June 8, 1951

BARBARA LOU ALWARD, fourth child of Ethel and George Alward, was born November 8, 1932. Barbara was married to James L. Otis (born Dec. 12, 1931) on June 21, 1953; and they have the following children:

Janet Lynn Otis, born June 25, 1956

Kirk James Otis, born April 15, 1960

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CHARLES YANKIE, fifth child of Dona and John Yankie, was born January 16, 1906. On September 14, 1925, he was married to Mary Lowrey; and they are the parents of the following children:

PAULINE YANKIE, born May 13, 1926; who was married on November 25, 1948, to Harold Cochran (born Dec. 30, 1927); and they are the parents of the following:

Diana Kay Cochran, born Oct. 31, 1949

Danny Ray Cochran, born April 19, 1952

Timothy Harold Cochran, born Nov. 19, 1956

WANDA YANKIE, second child of Charles and Mary Yankie, was born December 22, 1928; and on January 27, 1952, she was married to Quentin Roslund (born Oct. 19, 1922). They are the parents of the following children:

Rebecca Sue Roslund, born Feb. 28, 1953

Eric Charles Roslund, born Feb. 10, 1954

JOYCE YANKIE, third child of Charles and Mary Yankie, was born January 23, 19___; and on January 20, 1956, was married to Gerald Cowan (born May 9, 1932). They are the parents of the following children:

Charles Thomas Cowan, born June 27, 1956

Cheryl Lynn Cowan, born Sept. 18, 1958

Mary Ann Cowan, born March 8, 1960

Holly Alice Cowan, born Jan. 18, 1964

Thomas Blair Cowan, born Jan. 16, 1967

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RUTH YANKIE, sixth child of Dona and John Yankie, was born June 16, 1908; she was married to Earl Anderson. Ruth died in the spring of 1961; and Earl died December 7, 1950. They were the parents of the following children:

RICHARD E. ANDERSON; who was married on June 7, 1958, to Deanna C. Goodfellow; and were the parents of the following:

Matthew Earl Anderson, born Oct. 18, 1959

JUDITH LYNN ANDERSON, born February 16, 1943, was the second child of Ruth and Earl Anderson. Judith Lynn is married to John Yakubek

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ALICE YANKIE, seventh child of Dona and John Yankie, was born November 16, 1910. On January 1, 1936, she was married to Ned Randau (born April 13, 1904, in Birmingham, Mich.). They have the following children:

CHARLES EVANS RANDAU, born April 16, 1938

LINDA JAY RANDAU, born June, 1941

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ESTHER YANKIE, eighth child of Dona and John Yankie, was born November 22, 1913; and was married to Ralph A. Braik, who died December 30, 1959. They were the parents of the following children:

GORDON ADAM BRAIK, born Sept. 23, 1946

DOUGLAS ALLEN BRAIK, born July 20, 1949

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